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TRAMS OR BUSES?

INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS FORECAST TRAMWAY COMPANY MEETING

Mr. B. D. F. Belth, Chairman of the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., made an interesting statement at the annual meeting, held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., this morning, as to current rumours as to the acquisition by the Tramway Company of the Hong Kong Hotel Motor Garage business.

He said that preliminary negotiations with such an acquisition in view were commenced a few days ago, and it is proposed, at an early date to take the opportunity of placing before shareholders a full statement of the position, and to consider "certain proposals."

TRAFFIC RECEIPTS DOWN

Turning to traffic receipts, the Chairman stated that for the year 1929 they were less by three lakhs than in 1928. Efforts had been made during the year to obtain authority to run the Company's buses on less remunerative routes, but had not met with much success.

The Chairman sounded a note of warning on the vexed question of trams v. buses, as from an economic standpoint, quoting several cases of traction companies who had changed over from trams to motor-buses with not very satisfactory results. Had the 27,000,000 passengers carried by the Hong Kong trams last year been carried at the same fare by motor buses, he said, not only would the Company not have had seven lakhs profit, but they would not have made enough profit to pay a dividend.

Turning to the acquisition of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company, the Chairman stated that receipts so far had not been as satisfactory as had been anticipated. Some changes might be necessary as regards the fares in Kowloon.

Chairman's Speech

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts, said:—

Gentlemen.—The Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year 1929 are in your possession and I will, with your permission, take them as read.

In my speech a year ago I called attention to the decline in the traffic receipts during the last quarter of 1928 and after explaining the causes I said "should these adverse factors continue shareholders will realise that the tramway receipts in respect of the present year will be less than during the year under review."

It is my unpleasant duty to inform you that those adverse factors have continued with a result that our traffic receipts for the year 1929 are less by nearly three lakhs than for the year 1928.

Efforts were made during the year to obtain the necessary authority to run our buses on less remunerative routes of the Colony, but I regret to say without meeting with much success. We have, however, commenced a new motor bus service between Blake Pier and Tai Koo East Gate, via Queen's Road East, and Leighton Hill Road, and although this service in itself is not remunerative it provides a much felt need and affords greater facilities for our patrons living in the outlying districts of Quarry Bay, which can now be reached by bus in very much quicker time than by tram.

Changes to Cars

During the year 10 more cars were fitted with saloon top covers, bringing the number of cars so equipped to 84, and orders were placed in England for the latest type of truck (or chassis) for 28 trams, so that to-day we are in the happy position of knowing that every truck that came out with the original trams has been scrapped and replaced by the most up-to-date truck obtainable. The tramway track has been entirely reconstructed between Heard Street and the Lee Gardens. This was rendered necessary under the Praya East Reclamation scheme. The new single track along Bowring Canal Road East was also completed, and trams have entered Happy Valley via this new track since July 20 last.

Further, since the end of 1929, we have completed the renewal of the rails between Heard Street and Arsenal Street, and there is now a magnificent new double track with electrically welded joints all

the way from Lee Gardens to Arsenal Street.

Long-Promised Road Every speech from this chair for the past seven years has contained a reference to the long-promised 100-foot road between Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay, but very little progress has been made during the year under review, and it has eventually become necessary to double considerable stretches of our old single track in addition to straightening out a snake-like length between Quarry Bay and Ming Yuen.

Altogether, since I last addressed you, we have doubled about a mile of the old single track on the Shaukiwan section, and have extended the track by about 380 yards from the old Shaukiwan terminus to Shaukiwan Village. The doubling referred to was rendered absolutely necessary by the great increase in the number of passengers who—on every hot afternoon in the bathing season—desired to patronise the bathing beaches between North Point and Quarry Bay. With a single track we were unable to cope satisfactorily with this traffic.

Buses v. Trams Before touching on the Accounts I feel it my duty as your Chairman to sound a note of warning on the vexed question of "Buses" versus "Trams" as from an economic viewpoint.

In some quarters the view has been expressed that a sure panacea for our present diminution of profits is gradually to substitute motor buses for trams. This, in your Board's opinion, is a fallacy pregnant with alarming possibilities. The public and others quite naturally may regard our views on this subject as biased, and prejudiced by reason of the fact that the Company's main source of revenue is derived from our electric traction, but when I tell you it is estimated that had the 27,000,000 passengers which our trams carried last year been carried (at the same fares) by motor buses instead of trams, not only should we not have had over seven lakhs profit but we should not have made sufficient profit to pay any dividend. I trust, therefore, that you will agree with me that the matter merits a thorough and full investigation, and I make no excuse for the four rather lengthy references which follow:—

(a) The Anglo-Argentine Tramways Co., Ltd. (which comprises the greater part of the tramways of Buenos Aires) is one of the greatest tramway concerns in the World, operating as it does nearly 3,000 vehicles over 420 miles of track. They commenced operating a service of motor buses in January, 1927. The Chairman of this gigantic system (which carries over 500,000,000 passengers per annum) admitted at their last Annual General Meeting that their bus-services were being operated at a loss.

(b) The Glasgow General Omnibus and Motor Services, Ltd., which started with such a flourish of trumpets in 1926, made a loss for the year ended September 30 last of £25,216, with the result that the 41 shares have dropped to about eight shillings.

(c) The Third Avenue Railway of New York is a large transportation undertaking which operates both tramways and motor buses. The following paragraph relating to the operation of this Company for the year 1929 is taken from

BRITONS IN CHINA

THEIR SAFETY AT TREATY PORTS

TIENTSIN CITED RESIDENTS OBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons at question time Mr. A. A. Somerville asked whether Mr. Henderson were satisfied that the safety of British subjects was assured at all the treaty ports of China.

Mr. Henderson replied that he had received the text of the resolution passed at a meeting of British subjects at Tientsin, stating that the withdrawal of the British battalion from the town was inappropriate at the present time. Mr. Henderson stated that one battalion was still stationed at Tientsin and would be kept there for the time being. The strength of the British military forces in China was in accordance with the recommendations of the military advisers.—*Reuter.*

an American technical journal. "Receipts of the Third Avenue Railway, New York, from bus operation are between \$55,000 and \$65,000 a day. These bus receipts are not included in the receipts of the railway system, only the net from bus operation appearing in the income statement. During the past year there were extraordinary expenses due to the installation of new lines and equipment. The buses are being depreciated on the basis of a five-year life, which takes care of the equipment notes issued for a larger part of the buses. Under these conditions, the bus operation showed a deficit of \$327,775 for the year."

(d) The Institute of Transport recently awarded its coveted Graduate Silver Medal to a Mr. A. A. Jackson of Nottingham for his paper "The Railless Trolley System. Its Sphere." The last paragraph of that paper is as follows:—

"For pioneer work, and operation over light traffic routes with relatively few stops, connecting main thoroughfares, also for operation generally where the traffic demand necessitates the provision of less than 400 passenger seats per hour in one direction the motor bus is unsuitable; its adoption for such services all over the country is convincing proof. Where traffic warrants a service giving between 400 and 1,000 passenger seats per hour in one direction, with a corresponding increase in the number of passenger stops per mile, and particularly over routes containing severe gradients there appears to be sound reasons for seriously considering the adoption of railless trolley vehicles. Routes requiring services giving over 1,000 passenger seats per hour in one direction would seem to be the realm of the tramcar running on double track, and expressions made recently by eminent authorities on the subject of road passenger transport indicate that the high value of the tramcar in dealing safely and economically with heavy traffic demands is being more widely recognised."

Between the Western Market and Percival Street (Wanchai) we provide an average of about 2,500 passenger seats per hour in each direction.

Kai Tak Motor Buses At the Meeting last year I reported that your Company's from January 1, 1929, had assumed control of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co. (1928) Ltd., operating in Kowloon. The capital of that Company has passed into the ownership of the Tramway Company and your Directors now constitute the Board of the Kai Tak Company. As regards the operation of this business since the advent of our control, I would say that

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NAVY ESTIMATES AND REDUCTION

BRITAIN LEADS THE WAY IN LIMITATION

SINGAPORE BASE

JUSTIFICATION FOR FURTHER SLOWING DOWN?

London, Yesterday. The First Sea Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, introducing the Navy estimates, said that the reduction inadequately expressed the magnitude of the Admiralty's efforts toward economy. No other Power had voluntarily made such reduction. His Majesty's Government noted with greatest satisfaction that in the general world outlook, there was justification for further slowing down the rate of naval construction. Our expenditure must be related to our future needs, which could not be ascertained until the results of the Naval Conference were announced. He deprecated the public discussion of conference questions and to-day hoped that the feelings of pessimism in that connection would prove unfounded.

The Singapore Base

Referring to the Singapore base, Mr. Alexander said that considerable slowing down of the work had been found possible without prejudicing the ultimate decision. Otherwise the net expenditure for 1930, after allowing for contributions from the Colonies and from Colonial sources, would have been three times that of 1929. The final decision as to the future of the base would be taken as soon as possible after the Naval Conference, and after consulting the Overseas Governments.—*Reuter.*

"Doomed to Failure"

London, Later.

In the House of Commons it was agreed that the votes for the personnel of the Navy and some other items, apart from the assertions of the Naval Conference, were doomed to failure.

The speakers in the debate on the naval estimates refrained from raising Conference problems. Mr. Churchill, on behalf of the Conservatives, reserved the complete liberty in re-examining the position later. Mr. Alexander, replying to criticisms, said that the Government took no steps as regards naval policy without a full consultation with the experts.—*Reuter.*

A Five-Power Pact

Rugby, Yesterday.

The work of the London Naval Conference is likely to be restricted this week to informal interviews between the members of the different delegations. No plenary session is in prospect and the problem of adjusting the tonnage figures of the five powers within the categories prepared for them by the First Committee of the Conference is the chief immediate problem. The Conference is still determined to achieve if possible a five-power pact. Matters are well advanced to this end as between Great Britain and the United States, Japan and the United States and Britain and Japan. No agreements have been reached, but the ground has been thoroughly prepared.

The European situation as represented by the differences between France and Italy is the main pre-occupation of the delegations and until this is resolved little progress can be made with the major project. The difficulties have been enhanced by the discovery by France that there is little likelihood of political guarantees being forthcoming in exchange for the scaling down of her tonnage figures and by the insistence of Italy on parity with the largest naval power. The fact that the British and French week-end discussions excluded political issues from their purview is taken as recognition by France that adjustments must be on the basis of figures, and it is anticipated that the discussions on this subject will be prolonged.

No Breakdown Likely While it is improbable that any marked advance will be made this week, it is expected that certain of the conference will not break

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BOMB EXPLODES ON CANTON BOAT

CHINESE PASSENGERS STAMPEDE FOR SAFETY

MADDENED CROWD

PEOPLE FIGHT TO JUMP THROUGH PORTHOLES

Canton, Yesterday. With its poop and lower decks crowded with a motley crew of humanity, madly gesticulating and shouting, all unconscious of the peril that was close at hand, the passenger boat Kuo-min was at 12.30 a.m. this morning the scene of what might have been a terrible disaster. The Kuo-min, which is one of the usual type of native passenger boats that are towed by steam launches to inland cities, was prepar-

STOP PRESS

Tokio, Yesterday.

While officials continue to be extremely reticent regarding the prospects of Japan's acceptance of the latest terms proposed by the Japan-American agreement, the circulation of conflicting reports therefrom appear to indicate a strong difference of opinion between the Navy Office and the Foreign Office in spite of recent official assertions to the contrary. A semi-official statement emanating from the Navy Office takes strong exception to the proposed strength of both eight-inchers and submarines. It asserts that "the Navy by no means accepts such a proposal."

Enquiries in official sources, however, have brought forth a flat denial that this represents anything more than the personal view of certain officers.—*Reuter.*

ing to leave the wharf on the Bund, midway between the Western Hotel and the Mission Building when suddenly an infernal bomb exploded at the bows of the boat. The noise caused by the explosion sounded like the fire of a 10-inch gun—at least the people in the vicinity of the explosion thought so.

Pandemonium Resigned

Immediately pandemonium reigned among the passengers, who, losing their heads, began to stampee wildly for safety—many jumped overboard, but fortunately they were rescued by boats. Many others succeeded in scrambling to the wharf, suffering more or less injury. But the scene of indescribable confusion was in the large open cabins in the 'twain decks. Here the people went mad to get to the narrow exits, which could only admit two or three at a time. There were cries of "save-lives" among the passengers, who fought to get to the exits or jump through the windows. It is here where most of the casualties occurred. According to our representative's inquiry, only one man was known to have been killed—but there were many casualties—the exact number of which is not yet ascertained.—*Canton News Agency.*

RAIN

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone has dispersed and another of little intensity has developed over the Yangtze Valley.

A depression is situated in the Northern part of the Sea of Japan.

Moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail along the South-East Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast: — N. E. winds, fresh; overcast, with rain; possibly improving later.

Rainfall

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day: .022. Rainfall since January 1, 5.24 inches against an average of 4.58 inches.

Temperature and Humidity The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	64	89
Macao	64	96
Pratas Island	72	96
Manilla	78	78
Amoy	88	90
Swatow	80	88
Shanghai	40	65
Shanghai	48	68

ANOTHER FATAL FIRE

MOTHER AND SON BURNED TO DEATH

KOWLOON CALAMITY

THREE PEOPLE RESCUED BY FIREMEN

Another conflagration occurred in the early hours of this morning, when the whole of two floors of 198 Shanghai Street were badly burnt. The adjoining flats, Nos. 194 and 198, were also involved.

The fire, like the Kennedy Town disaster last week, was responsible for the loss of two lives, a woman and a boy, who is said to be her son, namely:—

Li Sam-ku (49);

Wong Kui-lau (9).

Their bodies were found incinerated after the outbreak. It is conjectured that the woman, being blind, could not possibly find a way of escape, and that her son had no option but to stay with her and share the same fate.

The fire broke out shortly after three o'clock in the Ting Chai-kwai joss stick and candle shop. Fed by the joss paper the flames took a great hold and spread rapidly, but within a short period all the inmates were aroused, by Mr. Li Cheung-hing, a member of the Police Reserve, who resides at 198, first floor.

When Mr. Li attempted to run down the stairs he was confronted by thick clouds of smoke and tongues of fire, that eventually destroyed the usual wooden staircase. Cut off by this, Mr. Li ran to the upper floor, and by going on the open verandah he gained access to the next house. He ran down the staircase of the two floors and gained the street, where a large crowd had already gathered, many blowing Police whistles.

It was not till 3.51 a.m. that the Kowloon Fire Station received the "Fire Call." Three engines, under Mr. G. Saunders, Station officer, and his assistant, Mr. Woollard, proceeded to the scene, being joined there by two engines from the Mongkok Fire Sub-station.

By this time the fire had taken a good grip of the whole building, but the firemen worked heroically in rescuing by means of the life line and ladder three inmates of the house.

The tenants of No. 198 first floor, numbering about 80, managed to make good their escape, but all were naturally forced to leave their belongings to the mercy of the flames. The ground floor of No. 198 was also badly damaged by fire and water. The whole shop, which was occupied by a dentist, was charred. A stationery shop at No. 198 also suffered some damage, but thanks to the good work of the Fire Brigade, the flames were prevented from spreading to these premises.

Had the latter caught fire the flames would undoubtedly have spread to a basket worker's shop, where the ratian were would certainly have been the flames and caused a conflagration of a more serious nature. The two people who lost their lives are said to have been suffocated by the onrush of smoke, which caused them to collapse and die a terrible death.

After an hour of hard work fighting the flames, the firemen returned to their respective stations. Up to nine o'clock, this morning the Sanitary Department men were engaged in clearing up to debris.

IRONSIDES' SUCCESS?

News has reached the Colony that the Ironsides have taken Fakh.

The Kwangtung authorities have commandeered over 150 junk for transporting troops from Canton via Kongmoon to Yungking.

On Sunday night troops from Kongmoon raided Kachen and killed two and arrested three pirates. The gunboats Ku and Kin You are at Fakh, where passing vessels are being searched after dark.

Woo Fat-ym, a mason employed by Messrs. Sang Lee, building contractors, was yesterday afternoon removed to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to his left eye and arm, received during blasting operations in Taiwan Road. A charge, which Woo had lit, exploded before he could get clear, and he was hit by two pieces of flying rock.

His condition is not considered serious.

CIVIL WAR AGAIN

FENG AND YEN JOIN FORCES

TROUBLE MAKERS

YEN'S "HOLIDAY" A MERE BLIND

Canton, Yesterday. That the Northern situation has again become critical and that war between the National Government and the Shansi Clique together with its ally—the Kuomintang—is an event that can hardly be averted, is significantly indicated by yesterday's Tientsin telegram that Feng Yu-hsiang is reliably reported to have left Talyuan and already arrived at the Tungkuang Pass on March 10. This news, if correct, means that an understanding has been reached between Feng and Yen Hsi-shan to force the issue with the Government. So long as Feng was normally kept a prisoner at Talyuan, there was always the hope that Yen would not precipitate matters to the extent of risking a war with Nanking. Hence the release of Feng can only be interpreted as evidence that Yen has at last come out in his true colours and definitely broken off the link in the chain that has held the Shansi party with the National Government. Such is the general comment of the vernacular press.

Talyuan Conference Peking, Sunday. The last military conference at Talyuan on March 13 was attended by Yen Hsi-shan, Feng Yu-hsiang, Chao Tai-wen, Kuomintang representatives Liu Chi and Teng Hsi-ché and 14 Shansi divisional commanders, according to report, having passed the following resolutions:—

1. That Yen Hsi-shan is temporarily to delay his trip abroad;
2. That the present north-western situation as affecting the 2nd and 3rd Concentration Army be maintained;
3. That Chao Tai-wen be appointed to the command of the 3rd Concentration Army to direct the rehabilitation of Shansi, Chahar, Hopei and Suiyuan provinces; and
4. That the problem of disbandment be studied.

The Northern Situation

Tientsin, Sunday.

The Shansi troops under General Fu Tso-yi, a portion of whom had been withdrawn from the Shanlung Territory, were observed suddenly to move back to Tehchow on March 15.

The Shansi forces, who have concentrated on the Tsin-Fu and Ping-Han lines, number about 120,000.

To Deceive the People

Chengchow, Yesterday.

The announcement of Yen Hsi-shan to go abroad is said to be simply to deceive the people, as proved by the fact of his recent action by assembling military leaders in Shansi for a conference, despatching troops to the Ping-Han and Tsin-Fu lines, sending Feng Yu-hsiang to Shensi to command the Kuomintang, recruiting 3 divisions of garrison troops in Chahar and Suiyuan, purchasing large quantities of wheat in Shanghai and placing numerous spies in Nanking and Shanghai—all of which preparations suggest an intention to revolt against the Central Government.

Troops Movements

Tientsin, Sunday.

Because of the Mukden troops having entered Shanhaikuan, whose advance guards have already arrived at Liang-tung, and because of troops having been mobilized by Chan Tiao-yuen and having moved to Yucheng, the 43rd Division of Shansi troops under General Fu Tso-yi will evacuate Tientsin and concentrate at Tehchow, so as to establish the line with the Shansies stationed at Shichiaochung.

Feng Yu-hsiang

Feng Yu-hsiang, the Christian General, left Talyuan on the 8th and arrived at Tungkuang Pass on the 10th.

General Ho Ching-chun of the 5th Route Army was in receipt of instructions on March 14 from President Chiang to co-operate with Generals Wang Chin-yu and Hsu Yuan-chun in watching the movement of the Kuomintang on the Ping-Han and Lung-Hai Lines.

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MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$2 for Ladies, are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.
On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.
Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1930.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 41ST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 8th March, 1930 to WEDNESDAY, 19th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1930.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

"TREVESA" TROPHY

THE THIRTEENTH BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ship's Lifeboats will be sailed on WEDNESDAY, the 19th March, starting at 4 p.m.

Each ship may enter any number of boats.

COURSE:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cust Rock Mark (P). Finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing boats should be in position at the starting line by 3.30 p.m.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, not later than Noon, on the 19th March.

A launch will leave Queen's Statue Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the General Public.

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.

Hong Kong, 17th Feb., 1930.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1929.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1930.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th March, 1930, to the 26th March, 1930 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1930.

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LIGHT ON MONS MYSTERY

Angels Who Walked Across the Sky

THE VISION EXPLAINED

For the first time since the story of the Angels of Mons was first told, a satisfactory theory has now been put forward in explanation of the most amazing happening of the Great War. Two scientists who have thoroughly investigated the whole matter state that they are convinced that British soldiers driven back from Mons on August 24, 1914, actually saw angels marching across the sky, but that the visions were hallucinations, examples of how the human mind can hypnotise itself into seeing, with every appearance of reality, things which do not exist.

Few incidents of the Great War gave rise to so much controversy. Out of a welter of conflicting evidence one or two facts stand out clearly. One is that hundreds of British soldiers believed implicitly that at the worst moment in the terrible days of Mons they saw a vision of angels marching majestically across the sky, and another is that French troops are convinced that at precisely the same moment St. Michael and Joan of Arc appeared to them.

"We All Saw It"

Among the evidence given, before imagination and the exaggeration of the twice-told tale had embroiled the story, was that of Miss Phillis Campbell, an Australian nurse, who talked soon after the event with wounded soldiers who declared that they saw the angels of Mons. Miss Campbell, writing not long after her experience, described how she tended the wounded troops and how they told her of their vision.

One night a badly wounded Tommy sent for her. She went to him, and his first words were, "Miss, please give me a picture of St. George. I want a picture or a medal because I have seen St. George on a white horse."

An R.F.A. man lying near by corroborated this. "It's true, sister," he said, "we all saw it." Miss Campbell then questioned many other men, and they all told the same story. At a most critical moment of the battle St. George and a host of angels had appeared and had saved them all from utter annihilation.

Miss Campbell's story in her own words, is as follows:—

"They had seen St. George come out of a funny-looking cloud of light. He was a tall man with yellow hair, in golden armour, and was riding a white horse. He was holding a sword above his head. Then came the order to advance and the German hordes were in full flight. But why they fled none could say, for the British were hopelessly outnumbered."

Later Miss Campbell talked with the six other women who had been at the same post. Similar stories had been told to all of them, and the accumulated evidence was from the lips of scores of wounded. Some of the soldiers said that the angels were mediaeval bowmen who stood between the outnumbered British troops and the oncoming Germans.

An Explanation

The whole matter of the angels of Mons has been probed and thrashed out by societies interested in occult manifestations and phenomena. Until the present moment, however, no satisfactory explanation of the strange story has been forthcoming. But Dr. G. B. Cutten, president of Colgate University, U.S.A., and Dr. F. C. S. Schiller, of Oxford, by their investigations, have succeeded in throwing light on the mysterious happening, and their explanation, it seems certain, will be the accepted one.

Dr. Cutten who is a life-long student of obscure phenomena of the mind, adopted at the outset of his inquiries the point of view that the soldiers, both French and British, actually did see the angels, the bowmen, and the saints. From his vast experience of cases of a similar nature he evolved the auto-hypnotism theory and then proceeded to collect evidence which strengthened the case.

To the soldiers, Dr. Cutten states the visions were very real. The objects seen would seem to them as solid and certain as the sight of a rifle, a machine-gun, or the camp kitchen. But that, according to the two scientists, is just what characterises these hypnotic and self-hypnotic illusions. There are so many parallel examples that it is now clear that hallucination is the only basis which the famous story possesses.

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Another famous war vision, reported by wounded soldiers on scores of battlefields and in many hospitals, was the vision of the White Comrade; an appearance of Jesus Christ clad in a white robe and going from cot to cot in the hospital or from shell-hole to shell-hole on the battlefield ministering to the wounded. There are probably hundreds of men still alive who are prepared to swear that they saw this vision of the Saviour.

The Indian rope trick, witnessed by thousands of people, is capable of only the same explanation. Hardly anyone seeing the trick has been able to resist the illusion that the boy actually climbs the rope and disappears.

Most famous of all historic visions are those of Joan of Arc, which led the ignorant peasant girl to become the trusted leader of a great army. The visions which she said she saw, she did see—in her mind's eye. What was happening in the girl's brain was an instance of self-hypnotism brought on by her personal sufferings and by her intense emotional and religious nature.

Similar cases to these mentioned are put forward in support of the scientists' theory. It now remains for the Mons men to "check up" their experiences in the light of this detached scientific view of the matter.

"GO TO POLICE"

Advice Tendered by H.B.M. Consul

INCIDENT EXPLAINED

Tientsin, Feb. 10.

A spirit of friendship and equity in the relations between British and Chinese in this country was the outstanding element in an interview given by Mr. Lancelot Giles, new British Consul-General in Tientsin, to a representative of the Star yesterday afternoon. Mr. Giles arrived here Saturday by steamer from Shanghai, accompanied by his wife and daughter, and is taking up his duties at the Consulate to-day.

Mr. Giles has been British Consul-General in Hankow until his present transfer here, and gave a very interesting picture of present conditions there. Discussing the recent detention of a British officer by Chinese officials there, and his release upon the Consul's assurance that the man would appear when required, Mr. Giles said that Mayor Liu Wen-tao of Hankow with whom he took up the matter, showed in this matter as in others a most friendly and conciliatory attitude, and there was no difficulty in reaching an understanding.

Why Not Go To Police Station?

In general, Mr. Giles did not see any reason why persons should not go to the police station in case of difficulty, regardless of nationality. Best of all, of course, was to keep out of trouble, and try to avoid unpleasant incidents. But accidents might happen at times, in spite of precautions and care, and if such things took place in Chinese territory it was natural that the foreigners involved should be asked to go to the police station. Few policemen understand English, and most foreigners do not speak Chinese fluently, so that it is best to visit the station and avoid misunderstanding.

Most advisable, of course, was to exercise proper care, whether in driving or in one's general conduct, to avoid difficulties. But if some trouble arose in spite of this, there was no reason why one should not be willing to go to the police station and do one's best to straighten out or explain matters.

Hankow Is Quiet

Hankow is a very quiet city, Mr. Giles said. The war in Central China from time to time in the last couple of years have never entered into the city itself, and the only effect there is simply the movement of soldiers in and out. The currency difficulty, so acute two years ago, has been straightened out, and the only abnormal feature affecting the community is the intermittent tying up of the railways due to fighting along the line somewhere, or to troop movements.

Air Line Helps

On the other hand, however, there is the great advantage of the new air line between Hankow and Shanghai, with a regular daily service, making this long jump between morning and evening. Many passengers are using this line for quick jumps for business or personal reasons, and the air mail is very efficient and very quick. Letters mailed from Shanghai in the morning reach Hankow in the afternoon before offices are closed, and Hankow subscribers to Shanghai newspapers may read these papers the same evening. For letters the extra postage for air mail is fifteen cents—far cheaper and more reliable than telegraph.

The Ex-British Concession

The first difficulties connected with the taking over of the British Concession in Hankow have long been ended, the Consul-General said. The new administration, mixed Chinese and British with a Chinese director, is working out well. The Land Regulations are maintained as previously, and the new Special Area is as clean and sanitary as before. The nationality limitations, with regard to residence, of course, have been abolished, but in actual practice there is little difference. Mr. Tsai Kwang-hong, Director of the Special Area, is a capable and tactful man, and things are running very well.

Mr. Giles said that the old British Bund might be widened in accordance with that in the old Chinese City, where the authorities have started building a wide and beautiful Bund which is to extend clear up to Hanyang along the Yangtze.

Family of Scholars

The new British Consul-General is one of a famous family of sinologists, his father being H. A. Giles and his older brother Lionel Giles. Mr. Lancelot Giles, however, giving his attention to the consular service, has had little time for purely literary pursuits, and his knowledge of the Chinese language has been utilized in the service. He was born in Amoy fifty-two years ago, and has been in China most of his life, though of course returning home for schooling.

Mr. Giles returned to China in time to get a very striking impression of the country, going to Peking in 1890 and being there at the time of the Boxer outbreak and the siege of the city, and taking part in the fighting. After finishing his studies as student interpreter, the young consular official was transferred to different places throughout the country. He has been in Tientsin before, having been located here in 1906 and from 1914 to 1916.

SCHOOL STRIKE

Principal Painted with Black Ink

PARADE BY STUDENTS

Kaifeng, Feb. 25.

An anti-Principal strike arose in Wan Nan Middle School, Nanyang, at the middle of January. Mr. Wang Yen, the principal, was bound with two hands, coloured with black ink on the face and dragged in a parade along the streets by the Student Union.

According to the statement of the students Mr. Wang squeezed the school funds, neglected his personal duty, and recruited bandits with a view to obtaining a military position. They shouted their slogans as they walked along the streets: "Down with Wang Yen," and "Expel Wang Yen." Their posters and handbills appeared everywhere in the Nanyang city. On January 19 Mr. Wang led a group of unknown rascals with big sticks and long swords, suddenly entering the school, shutting the school gate, and beating the students. Many of the students were injured.

Hearing of this incident, the local policemen and the soldiers scrambled over the walls to save the students. According to the investigation made later, 18 students were seriously wounded, and two teachers and 4 rascals were arrested. Mr. Wang hid himself in the city and tried to escape, but was arrested by the students and sent to jail on the same day. At present Mr. Wu Chi is appointed by the Honan Provincial Educational Ministry as the acting Principal.—P. & T. Times.

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NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
JAPAN PORTS.	
SEATTLE MARU	Saturday, 22nd March.
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TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
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NAVAL CONFERENCE

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down before Mr. Tardieu returns to London at the end of the week. In the interval there will be numerous private conversations. To-day before leaving for France Mr. Tardieu saw the Prime Minister and later he called on the head of the American delegation, Mr. H. L. Stimson. Mr. Stimson had a meeting with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and later entertained two other American delegates, Mr. Hugh Gibson and Mr. Dwight Morrow at luncheon. This afternoon Mr. MacDonald received the chief Italian delegate, Signor Grandi, at the House of Commons and to-night Mr. MacDonald is dining with members of the French delegation at the French Embassy. Regarding the suggestion that the political issues raised should be transferred to Geneva, it is stated no such proposal has been mooted officially.

Introducing the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that they amounted to £51,739,000, as against £51,865,000 for last year, showing a reduction of £4,126,000. The estimates were within £190,000 of the figures submitted for 1914, which were the last pre-war estimates but, in order to get a true comparison with 1914, allowance must be made for the higher costs and prices of to-day. Calculated on pre-war rates the provisions covered by the present estimates would not have cost more than £31,000,000, or a reduction of 31 per cent. Provision this year, however, covered a much larger proportion of non-effective charges than in 1914. To-day non-effective charges amounted to £8,500,000, as compared with £3,000,000 in 1914 so, if one compared actual effective services of the Navy at present the net estimates were £43,000,000, compared with £48,500,000 in 1914.

Reducing the present estimates to pre-war values, there was reduction of no less than 46 per cent. "I beg the House to remember," said Mr. Alexander, "that no other naval power in the world has voluntarily made a reduction compared with before the War."

Shipbuilding
With regard to the reduction in shipbuilding Mr. Alexander said, "It is with great satisfaction that the Government have found on the general trend of world affairs and the general outlook for peace a justification for proceeding still further along the road already to some extent marked out by the last Government of slowing down the rates of our naval construction, and giving proof of our sincerity in the cause of all round reductions in armaments. The reductions we have made in the last two annual programmes of the five years' programme of the late Government have been made in the same spirit as actuated the late Government in the reductions they themselves made in certain of their annual programmes, but I would say that they have been made with greater courage and stronger determination for the end in view and have been made accordingly very much more drastic. We are convinced that the provision we are now making is adequate. Our replacement programme must be related not to present strength but to future needs. What those needs will be cannot be accurately forecast until the results of the London Conference have been ascertained and duly collated."

He hoped that the feeling of pessimism regarding the Conference so often expressed would prove to be unfounded and he deprecated any discussion to-day of the kind which would not be of assistance in bringing the conference to a successful issue.

Abolition of Submarine
No provision was made for the construction programme for 1930, as the Government were holding over any decision as to what this should be. Not only so, but in respect of the 1929 programme it had been thought best in the view of the proposals which the British delegation had made at the Conference for the total abolition of the submarine to suspend for the present the submarine's part of that programme. The House need not view with alarm the prospect of a supplementary estimate to meet future needs in this respect.

The provision made in 1929 for the new construction of submarines amounted to £80,000, and no greater figure than that would be asked in respect of 1930, unless he had to ask for provision for the three submarines provisionally included in the 1929 programme. Should this necessity unfortunately arise, (and

he would not delude the House into thinking that a contingency might be ignored) the supplementary grant might have to be increased to a more material size, but it would still represent a small fraction of the reduction of the estimates as a whole and it would still mean that the ultimate saving on the 1929 construction programme would be no less than £6,500,000.

Closing of the Base
Mr. Alexander added that very considerable slowing down of the work on the Singapore Naval Base had been found possible without in any way prejudicing the ultimate decision. The final decision on the future development of the base would be sought as soon as possible after the Naval Conference, but would not be taken until after consultation with the Overseas Governments affected.

Mr. Churchill's Warning
Mr. Winston Churchill (Conservative) said that his party did not assent to the present proposals and the estimates of the Government. He asked why the reduction in cruiser strength was announced before the conference began, instead of becoming part of the general process of disarmament. Whereas every other Power stated its requirements at the maximum, we began by announcing the enormous reduction of armaments and then the Conference proceeded on the basis of seeing how much more could be cut down.

"There is grave danger, said Mr. Churchill, "that the Conference may become a process not of general naval disarmament but of disarming Great Britain, while other Powers become actually stronger."

Mr. Churchill pointed out that before the War we had 146,000 seamen and marines and after the War 99,000 and we were now to reduce the number to 94,000. During the same period the United States, the next strongest Naval Power, had increased its personnel from 67,000 in 1914 to 114,000 in the present year. In the face of such figures what became of the doctrine of parity?—British Wireless Service.

Earlier Cable
London, Yesterday.
Departing for Paris after conferring with Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Stimson separately, Mr. Tardieu left behind a more hopeful feeling in conference circles though hitherto the Franco-Italian deadlock has not relaxed.

It is understood that the conference is considering a scheme whereby France will consent to keep a limited, specified number of ships in the Mediterranean, while Britain, through her command of the Straits of Gibraltar should act as a guarantor.—Reuter.

H.M.S. ANTHONY

Destroyer's Exhaustive Trials

Considerable interest attaches to the performance of H.M.S. Anthony, which has just completed a very successful series of trials, carried out under Admiralty supervision. Built and engined by Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Ltd., the vessel is one of the post-war group of destroyers ordered by the Admiralty under the 1927 programme, and is representative of a very interesting class of vessel. All the vessels are 312ft. long by 32ft. 3in. beam, and on a mean draft of 8ft. 6in. displace 1,330 tons. They carry four 4.7in. besides smaller guns, in addition to eight torpedo tubes.

The propelling machinery consists of Parsons type turbines, working through single reduction gearing to the propellers, which turn at 860 revs. per minute, when full power is being developed. Superheated steam is supplied from three express type Yarrow boilers working under forced draught.

The vessel was selected by the Admiralty to carry out a long and exhaustive series of measured water and fuel consumption tests, which revealed a high level of overall efficiency and wholly fulfilled the expectations of the designers. In the matter of speed, also, the design conditions were exceeded; an average speed of 36.301 knots being maintained on a six hours' full power trial with the engines developing slightly over 34,000 shaft horsepower, which no attempt was made to exceed by "forcing" as this is not the purpose of British Admiralty trials. The whole performance reflects great credit on the builders for the excellence of their workmanship, and is entirely satisfactory to the designers.

Another vessel of the same class, H.M.S. Ardent, is nearing completion in Messrs. Scott's dockyard.

LINER ON FIRE

Reported Sunk at New York Pier

The North German Lloyd steamer Munchen had an outbreak of fire while lying at her pier in New York. A later report stated that an explosion had occurred amongst the nitrate of potash cargo, and that the vessel had sunk. Lloyd's Agent at New York, however, telegraphing at 4.25 p.m., stated that reliable information of the position was not yet available, but that the owner's local office report that the vessel was afloat, but the fire still burning.

A Reuter New York message states there were four explosions, which were so violent that they reduced the aft deck to splinters and ripped open the ship's plates, while three firemen, who were hurled by the force of the blasts into the river, are still missing. Seven persons, including the captain and two members of the crew were injured.

The vessel, with the superstructure still blazing, is stated to be on the mud at the bottom of the river, directly over the Hudson tunnel, through which tube trains pass from New York to New Jersey, and all traffic through the tunnel has had to be suspended.

The Munchen, which has a gross tonnage of 13,483, made her maiden voyage to New York in July, 1923, having been launched at Stettin in the Spring of the same year. She was the first German ship since the war to enter New York harbour. She left Bremerhaven on January 30.

LONDON PORT RECORD

The traffic of the Port of London last year was greater than in any previous year. The total was 57,540,136 net registered tons, compared with 55,449,162 tons in 1928, an increase of 2,090,974 tons, representing 3.6 per cent. of the total increase for the year for the whole of the ports of the United Kingdom—21,757,590 tons. A large proportion of London's increased tonnage was in respect of the Dominions and Colonies.

During the week ended January 31, 1,289 vessels, representing 952,479 net register tons, arrived at and departed from the port of London. Of these, 519 vessels (720, 678 net register tons) were from and to foreign ports, and 770 vessels (231,806 net register tons) were engaged in the coastwise trade.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. Mirzapore left Singapore for this port on March 17 at 4 p.m., and is due here on March 25 at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia left Honolulu on March 14 (Fri.) at 5 p.m., is due Yokohama on March 23 (Sun.), and at Hong Kong on March 30 (Sun.). She leaves for Manila on March 31 (Mon.) at 5 p.m.

The British Consulate General at Loanda has informed the Department of Overseas Trade that the Companhia Colonial de Navegacao have now started a passenger and cargo service to Portuguese East Africa, calling at S. Tome, Loanda, Lourenco Marques and Beira. They have acquired two additional steamers, the Colonial, of 8,000 tons, and the Mousinho, of 8,500 tons. The headquarters of the company are at Lobito.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 22	Sept. 25	Oct. 4
EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 7	Oct. 9	Oct. 17
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Nov. 1
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*MIRZAPUR	6,716	26th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
RAJPUTANA	16,668	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	7,841	5th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*BELTANA	—	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KHYBER	9,114	8th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKLIWA	7,850	8th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	10,946	25th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	28th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*LAHORE	5,804	5th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,135	9th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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They heavily fired upon two Ameri-
can steamers, 46 miles above Ichang,
on which there were American guards
carried for protection.
The ss. Chipping was assailed so
furiously that the vessel was hit over
three hundred times. The U.S. guard
returned the fire with rifles and
machineguns, and a number of Chinese
soldiers were observed to fall.
The casualties include Lieutenant
C. M. Winslow, and five Chinese, who
were wounded aboard the Chipping.
The ss. Iling was similarly attacked,
one Chinese on board being killed.—
Reuter.

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Per R.M.S. Empress of Canada
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Major R. E. Goddard, Mr. and
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Williamson, P. Verstockt, S. B.
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March 17:—
G. W. Cumming, Mr. and Mrs.
Angel De Ocha, R. A. Edson,
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Grotcott, Elias
Hamowy, A. Llanes, J. Noonan,
Miss M. L. Merten, O. D. May,
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DEPARTURES

Per s.s. Kashima Maru for Japan
on March 17:—
Miss T. Baba, Mr. and Mrs. J.
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components for the better prediction
of tides, from the result of the
analysis of the tidal observations,
taken at the Kowloon tidal observa-
tory under the direction of Dr.
Dobson during the years 1887, 1888
and 1889.
The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.
The times of high and low-water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

March 18 to 24, 1930.

Date	High Water	Lower Water
March	Standard Times	Ht. standard Times
Tues. 18	m 11 33	6.0 m 0 35
Wed. 19	m 0 51	5.1 m 9 1
Thurs. 20	m 1 49	4.5 m 6 32
Fri. 21	m 0 40	5.1 m 8 38
Sat. 22	m 1 18	6.0 m 9 57
Sun. 23	NoInferior	6.2 m 11 37
Mon. 24	NoInferior	6.8 m 0 38

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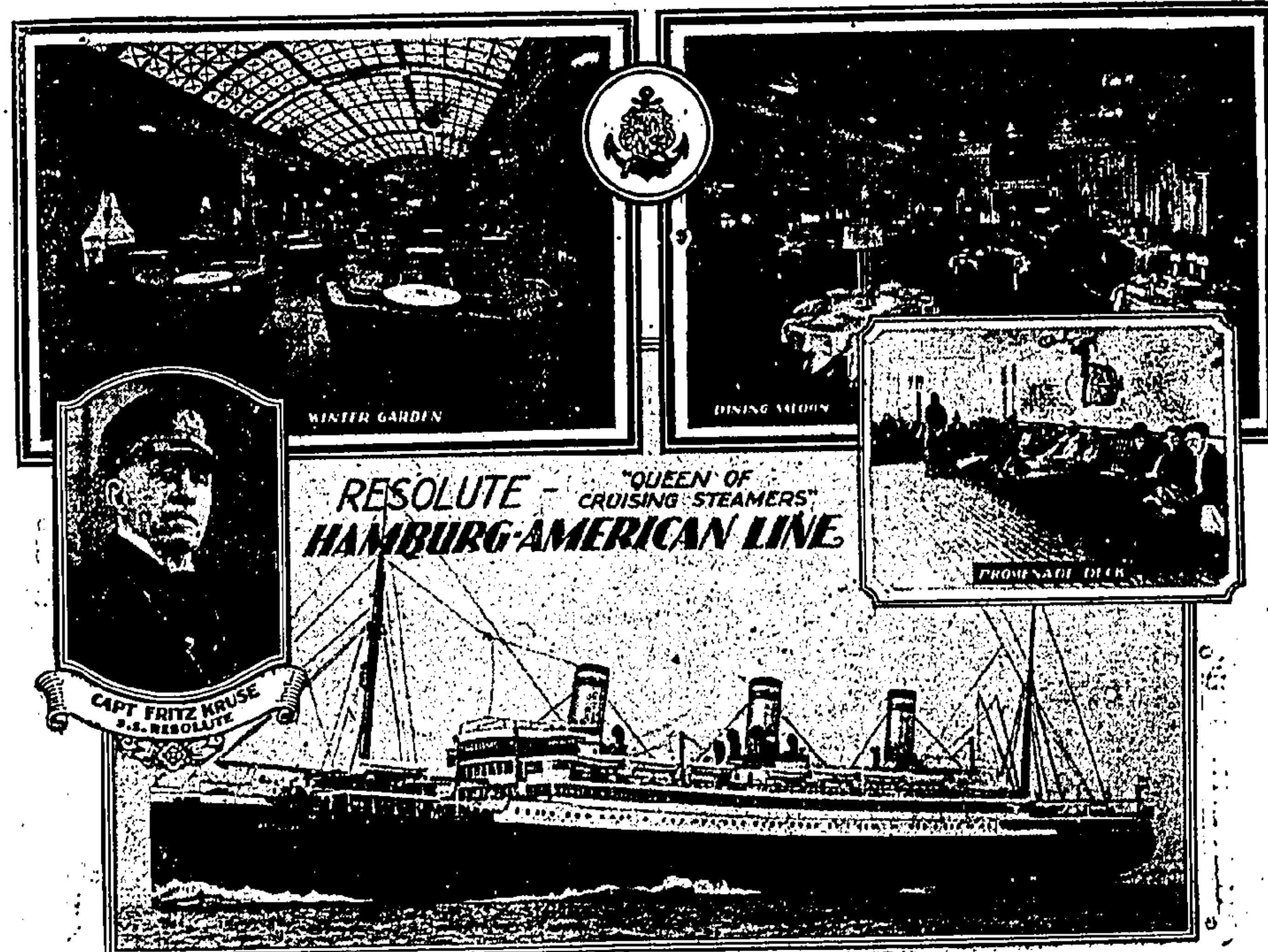
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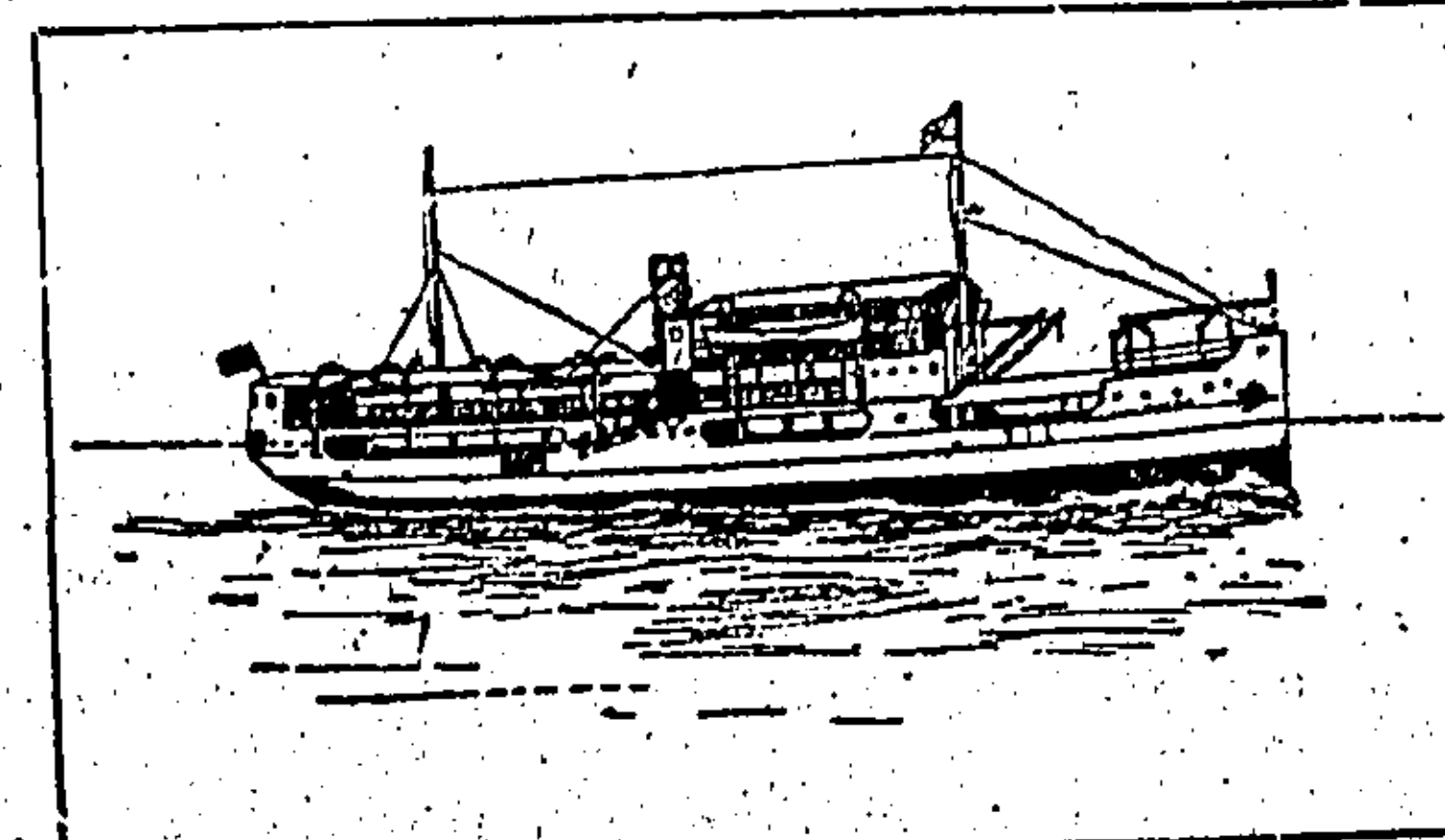
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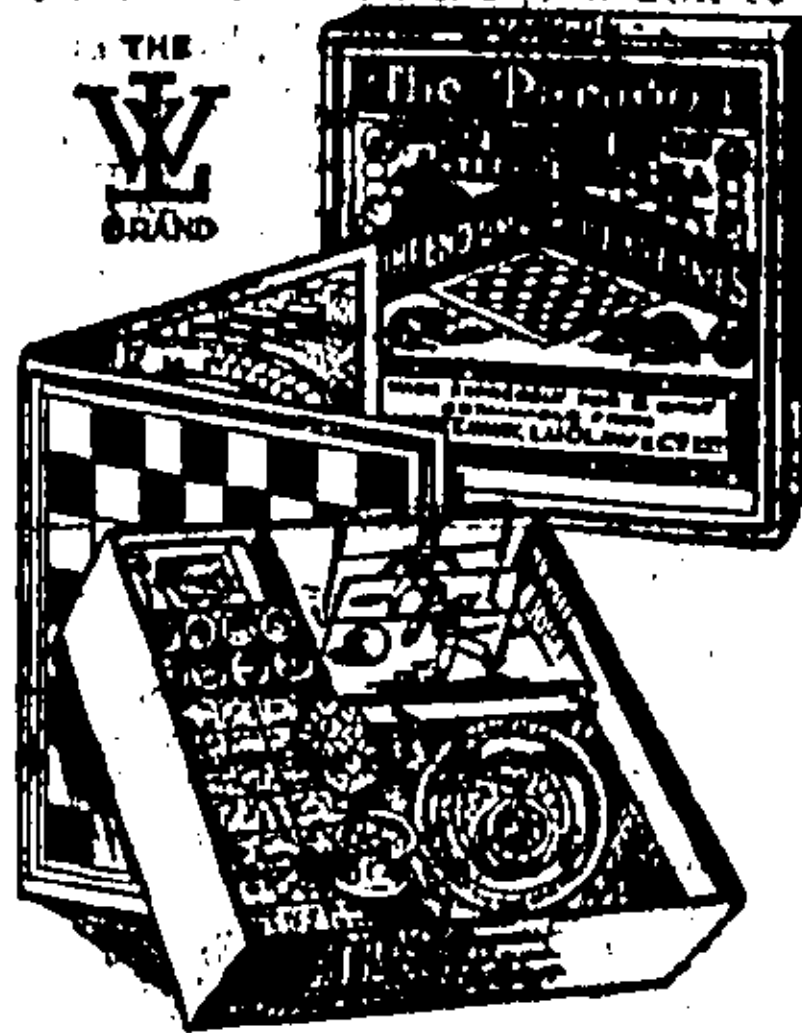
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TRADE FIGURES

Whether or not the ubiquitous
wit chooses to raise a smile over
the fact that the Statistical
Department of the Imports and
Exports Department is to be
officially re-opened on the first
of April, general satisfaction
must be expressed in regard to a
step that has been too long de-
layed.

The Statistical Department
ought never to have been chosen.
It was one of the blunders of the
panicky Government when it
looked around for an economic
lamb to be slaughtered by the
butcher of the firm of Retrench-
ment, Economy and Company.
Down came the knife on the neck
of the Statistical Department,
and not even a postmortem
examination was thought neces-
sary. Rather did the Govern-
ment look around for floral
tributes—not for the lamented
Statistical Department—but for
itself. Even a vandal can so for-
get all ethics of decency, as to
vaingloriously exclaim: "What a
good boy am I." It was devoutly
hoped by the authorities that no
more would be heard of the
matter—that there would be no
call for an inquest, let alone any
plea for a resurrection. Wherein
did they make another error of
judgment.

The General Chamber of Com-
merce, true to its "aims and
objects," true to its generations of
tradition, became aggressively
inquisitive as time passed. The
China Mail assisted the commer-
cial Paul Pry. The Sunday
Herald weighed in to prod the
Government on its shocking de-

reliction of duty in the name of
the Colony. Unfortunately com-
plete unanimity did not prevail in
the General Chamber of Com-
merce—the Government's slogan
of Retrenchment and Economy at
All Costs became as much an
obsession, with certain trading in-
terests as with those who sat in
the seats of the mighty adminis-
trators. Still, at the annual meet-
ing in 1927, the Chamber suc-
ceeded in obtaining a majority of
three to one in favour of a re-
solution that "accurate statistics
of trade be maintained and that
the Government be requested to
re-establish the Statistical De-
partment as soon as possible." One
gentleman then characterised
statistics as a disease; others re-
ferred to their alleged ineffec-
tiveness on the score of inaccuracy;
and others trotted out other
equally senile and hoary objec-
tions. Contrariwise one member
propounded the interesting theory
that Hong Kong with no statistics
could be likened to a firm with-
out books. Such a firm would get
short shrift should it ever have
the misfortune to find itself in
the Bankruptcy Court.

Other days; other ways. Our
late departed Governor decided
that the Butcher of Retrench-
ment and Economy had had quite
a long innings and that it was
time to ignore him so far as con-
cerns a Statistical Department.
That decision was hailed as a
most sensible one by all the com-
mercial interests in the Colony.
Not a word in opposition was
expressed even by those worthy
members of the General Chamber
of Commerce who voted with the
minority in 1927. May be they
have, in the years that have
elapsed, been converted to the
utility of statistics in relation to
the progress of a Colony. And
how complete is the mental
somersault even of the Govern-
ment is apparent from the de-
claration of its spokesman yester-
day that:—

"It is the duty of the Colony
to make this contribution to the
world's common stock of
knowledge of its trade, since
without it that body of know-
ledge must always remain in-
complete."

How long it has taken the Gov-
ernment to awaken to that sense
of duty!

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of Mr. Harold Fether-
stonhaugh Collier, missionary,
Young Men's Association, 40, Miss
Frances Dorothea Willis, mis-
sionary, of the same address.

News in Brief

In the Kowloon Police Court this
morning, a Chinese was sentenced
to six weeks' hard labour for the
theft of three empty cement sacks.

The total output of the Kailan
Mining Administration's mines for
the week ended March 1, amounted
to 92,226 tons, and the sales during
the period to 94,691 tons.

Mr. W. P. Gooch, of the Na-
tional City Bank, has lost a brown
American camel hair overcoat, val-
ued at \$90. He believes that he
left it in a motor boat whilst cross-
ing from Hong Kong to Kowloon.

The China Mail was informed, on
enquiry at the Royal Naval Hos-
pital this morning, that A. B. Bruhn,
of H.M.S. Suffolk, who fell from the
second floor of the Seamen's In-
stitute early yesterday, is pro-
gressing very satisfactorily.

NEW CENTRAL THEATRE

The new Central Theatre, de-
signed by Messrs. Palmer and
Turner, has been completed in
Queen's Road Central, a little dis-
tance beyond Ho Tung Building.
The theatre is being equipped with
the latest Western Electric sound
machine, and when it is opened in
the near future the public will have
a first-class "talkie" cinema.

Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, a former
tennis champion, is the attorney for
the owner of the new theatre—a
wealthy Chinese.

The Central Theatre will show all
Paramount's 1930 "talkie" pro-
ductions as well as special pictures
by other producing companies.

MR. PEPPY IN HONG KONG

This morning to the Suffolk, a
frigate, of which Stewart Goss be-
came surgeon in chief, with whom I
talk a space of my play, and how it
doth go. And we drink a glass of
the finest sherry, sack that ever I
taste, which I learn he called Bristol
Cream. And I am minded to
buy me some when the dollar do go
up. And mighty merry we all waxed,
for the officers all gather to-
gether at seven strokes of the ship's
bell, at a letter he showed us, wel-
coming him as a new arrival to the
Colony. But Lord, the man has
been here these twelve months and
more. This firm doth seek to ex-
pedite his future journeyings, and
mighty civil too! But I do think
the Captain of his frigate might
have a word to say on this.
Thence, though it irked me to leave
the Bristol Cream, to see an old line
of battle-ship with a coverture of
wood above such as I have not seen
since I was a boy at Plymouth.
And they tell me she is named the
Tamar, and acts as Navy depot for
the port. But who the Dodo may
be I know not. So to the Club
where much discourse of my play
with Mr. Hannibal who do give so
much pains to his part I doubt not
he will be mighty fine therein.
And so to Anderson's where I do
book my seats for every night, and
find though many are taken, there
are yet a plenty left. But it being
now five o'clock, I home by way of
the Peak Club where I drink a
glass. My wife, poor wretch,
might cross that I do not return
before, but Lord! a man must meet
his fellows sometime. After sup-
per we played at cartes, and so to
bed.

Another Naval Occasion

ADMIRAL Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt,
the new Commander-in-Chief
at the Nore, took over the China
command, in which he has been
conspicuously successful, at ex-
actly the moment the last Nicara-
gua crisis arose.

This was something of a coin-
cidence. It was in Nicaragua
that Sir Reginald's first experi-
ence of active service occurred
nearly forty years ago, over what
was known as "the Hatch incident."

Tremendous excitement arose at
the time because the Nicaraguan
Government, arrested a Mr.
Hatch, H.B.M. Consul at Blue-
fields, Nicaragua, and other Bri-
tish residents on a charge of con-
spiracy. It was a costly step, for
Nicaragua had to pay a large in-
demnity and a British squadron
entered the port of Corinto to see
that it was paid.

Lieutenant Tyrwhitt, as he then
was, was in charge of a landing
party from H.M.S. Cleopatra, and
had quite an exciting time of it.
He had to wait until August,
1914, before he saw another bit
of fighting—on a rather larger
scale.

Our Yorkshire Governor

COMMENTING upon the appoint-
ment of their President, Sir
William Peel, to be Governor of
Hong Kong, the Chairman of the
Society of Yorkshiremen in Malaya,
at a dinner in Singapore recently,
said he was sure they would join

WOMAN'S HOUSEHOLD GODS

[BY BEVERLEY NICHOLS]

SOMEbody who is very dear to
me has just passed out of the
shadow of death. The experience
has taught me many things—a
consciousness of the fragility of
much that I thought precious and
the importance of much that I
thought trivial—and all these
things have swept to me, as it
were, on a tide of memories, bea-
ring with them souvenirs too sad
and tender to be written, of
daffodil mornings, and lengthening
twilights when thrushes sang, and
somebody's laughter echoed on the
lawn.

I am trying to write simply be-
cause it was a sentence of such
exquisite simplicity that made me
write at all. In order that you
may hear it as I heard it you must
try to call up a vision of a dark-
ened room and a woman lying there
with a white face and drooping
lips. A sickly, cloying smell hangs
over everything, for only a few
hours before the doctors have been
forced to inject ether and strychnine
in a desperate effort to rally
a failing heart. The effort was
successful.

The crisis passed. And now, at
length, the patient has been left
alone, and has been told that she
may take a little—a very little—
lukewarm milk.

It has been brought to her by
the cook, who warmed it herself,
and would not allow anybody else,
nurse or housemaid, to carry it
to her mistress. She stands there,
at the foot of the bed, hesitating,
hardly knowing whether she ought
to offer it. It would seem that the
patient did not see her—that she
was far too exhausted to see any-
thing at all, in that mournful,
shadowy room. But she did. And
what she saw was not a human
figure, nor a bowl of milk, nor, in-
deed, anything that you would
possibly expect a woman to see
who had the fluttering of the wings
of the angel of death still beating
in her brain. She saw a collar.
And this is what she said:
"Smith—your collar—is not
clean."

The words were said in a voice
which carried in it all the world's
weariness and yet all the supreme
courage with which some women
are still lighting the world. The
tones may have been faint and
drooping but the old doggedness
was there—that quality which has
made British women carry on in
the face of disaster—the quality
which made queer old maids in
Kensington straighten their backs
during an air raid, and march
fiercely to the china cupboard, and
dust, and dust, while the universe
toppled about them.

"Smith—your collar is not
clean."

Perhaps I am making more of
those words than they merit. Per-
haps, having in imagination died
so many glorious deaths—(as you,
in your dreams, have also died)—
perhaps the naked, almost fierce
simplicity of that sentence shines
with an undue lustre. To her, one

may be quite certain, the words
were of no particular significance.
In her tired brain some such affir-
ment as this must have passed: "I
am ill, but I am alive, and while
I am alive things must go on pro-
perly. I cannot go downstairs to
see if the flowers are nicely ar-
ranged for if there is dust on the
tables nor if the carpets are swept.
While I am lying here I cannot see
that everybody is comfortable, and
that everything is tidy. But at
least I can tell Smith that her
collar is not clean."

And as she reaches this con-
clusion, she tries to tell Smith, and
the words will not quite come . . .
tries again . . . and with a supreme
effort the sentence is pronounced.

They are unfashionable gods
nowadays. They dwell, often
enough, in humble places and in
places far removed from the noisy
thoroughfares of life. But they
are true gods, all the same with a
quiet beauty that comes not only
from themselves but from the in-
cense which true women are always
burning at their shrines, even
though they burn it in secret and
in silence. They are the gods that
could tell many strange and
poignant tales, of sacrifices which
they alone could see and heroisms
of which they were the only wit-
nesses. They have seen battles
waged not for an hour or a day
but for year after year, grimly,
doggedly, in order that their
shrines might be kept sweet and
fragrant. In order that some little
"Smith—your collar is not
clean."

I could write it again and again,
but you would be bored with me.
And since I am in that mood which
takes no account of boring other
people, I will merely, as parting
gesture put in a word for Smith.
I do not believe that Smith's collar
was unclean at all. A tiny smudge
perhaps—an infinitesimal speck.
But, then, some women, thank God!
will always see the infinitesimal.
For them it is the same as the in-
finite.—Daily Mail.

Ten Years Ago

(From the "China Mail"
March 18, 1920.)

To-day's dollar is worth 4/-
10½d.

It is understood that the Com-
mittee of the V.R.C. are now
arranging to revive the holding of
their annual athletic meetings
which were held in abeyance for
several years on account of the
War.

These meetings were formerly
an athletic event of the Colony far
longer than most of us can re-
member.

"If you want three square meals
a day and a comfortable bed at
night, do not live in Hong Kong,"
says an American recently returned
to San Francisco from here.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

New Commander-in-Chief: Sir William Peel: A Long-Lost Oasis: "Captains and Kings": Hunting
in Full Swing:

with him in regarding it as a great
honour to the Society. They very
much regretted Sir William would
no longer remain with them, but they
hoped to see him on his way out and
they wished him every happiness in
his new home.

It was stated that the secretary
had, on behalf of all the members,
wired congratulations to Sir William
Peel upon his appointment. It was
suggested that members should be
invited to attend, and subscribe to
a small dinner to be given in Sir
William's honour when he passed
through Singapore.

Diplomat Explorer
SIR Ahmed Hassan Bey, F.R.G.S.,
who recently, after a preliminary
crash, left the Heston Air Park on a
solo flight to Egypt, stated before
he set out that his principal reason
for taking off flying is the belief that
it will assist him in his explorations.
He hopes to be able to revisit the
Libyan Desert, where he discovered
the long-lost oasis of Kufra, and will
probably retrace by aeroplane the
equally interesting journey to Darfur
which he made in 1922-23, when such
valuable ethnographic discoveries re-
sulted.

According to the staff at the Hes-
ton Air Park, where Sir Ahmed
gained his experience in flying, he is
one of the best pupils they have ever
had. This is remarkable in a man of
over 40.

He is First Chamberlain to King
Fuad of Egypt, and previously had
had a distinguished career in the
Egyptian Diplomatic Service.
He was up at Balliol two or three
years before the war and studied
his other academic activities, hence
for his university against Cambridge.

Prince of Piedmont's wedding have
departed. King Gustav of Sweden
will be going to Rome and will stay
there for a considerable time.

His Majesty makes this journey
fairly frequently, for the Queen of
Sweden has been in poor health for
years, and by doctor's orders, spends
most of the year in Italy.
She had a severe attack while in
Rome last June, and the King hastened
to her side. She became a good
deal better, but has not been able to
spend the winter in Scandinavia for
a long time, and is now reconciled to
being a more or less permanent in-
valid.

King Gustav, on the other hand,
though over 70, is the most vigorous
of monarchs.
As a player of lawn tennis on the
Riviera courts he is well known, for
he has played almost every cham-
pion in turn, and not long ago beat
the redoubtable Eriksson Aune.

The January Exodus

IN spite of the mildness of the win-
ter, the January exodus abroad of
all save the most devoted of the
hunting set is now in full swing, and
on all sides there is talk of proposed
journeys and plans for departure.
Lord Glenconner goes to Cannes,
whilst his sister, Mrs. James
Beck, is off to New York with her
husband.

"Lady Montagu of Beaulieu," whose
little son Edward, aged three, and a
half, is the present holder of the
title and the youngest peer of the
realm, has arranged to leave England
shortly with her step-daughter, Miss
Elizabeth Scott Montagu, on a short
trip to Bermuda.
A Roman too, has the full quota of re-
gular visitors from England. Among
people who are going there is
Lady Alwyn Compton, who
on her arrival will join her sister,
Mrs. Jarrat, formerly Countess of
Rosslyn.

MOSCOW PLOT

Guard for Son of Late Tsar's Heir
"A CLEAN SWEEP"

The French police are investigating an alleged plot by the OGPU—the Soviet secret police—to kidnap the 12-years-old Grand Duke Vladimir, son of the Grand Duke Cyril, heir to the throne of the Romanoffs.

They are taking special precautions to prevent him from being carried off mysteriously, as was General Koutepoff, head of the White Russians in France, who vanished recently, and of whom no trace has since been found.

The Grand Duke Vladimir is living with his father near Dinard.

Information has reached the French police, to the effect that the OGPU agents have received order to make a clean sweep of the White Russian refugees in Western Europe.

Foremost on the list of persons "undesirable" to the Soviet were the missing General, the boy Grand Duke, and General Koutepoff's 10-years-old son, who is living with his mother in the General's flat in Paris.

The Grand Duke Boris, brother of the Grand Duke Cyril, who lives at a villa in the Forest of Meudon, a few miles from Paris, is also said to be one of the victims marked down.

Mystification was caused by a telegram received in Paris from Moscow to the effect that the Soviet Government had lodged a formal protest with the French Ambassador against the alleged arrest by the French police of M. Mestchervokoff, second secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Paris.

The Moscow report further alleged that many Soviet citizens have been cross-examined by the French police and that a member of the Soviet Mission named Bloch also has been detained.

At the request of M. Dovgalevsky, Soviet Ambassador to France, a strict police guard was posted around the Russian Embassy.

A well-dressed young man endeavoured to enter the building. A detective asked him where he was going. The man replied in bad French with a strong Russian accent. He had no identity papers and was taken to the nearest police station.

When it was discovered that he was a member of the Soviet Embassy staff he was released.

Anti-Christ May Spread
A wave of anger against the Bolshevik tyrants is passing over Germany.

Two Cardinals have denounced the persecution of religion in Russia.

Cardinal Bertram, Prince-Bishop of Breslau, says:

The Bolshevism of the rulers of Russia denies the existence of a spiritual soul in man. It denies God. For it religion is lying and deceit. The extinction of morality is bound up with this absolute godlessness. Everybody in Russia is free to indulge his sexual vice as he likes.

The fruits of godlessness in Russia are passing over the borders into Germany. In our Fatherland also Anti-Christ is rearing its head. And he ends: "It is the business of the authorities to warn all leaders of this danger."

The Social-Democratic Press Service has circulated an article for use in Socialist newspapers throughout Germany under the title "Germany and Russia. What is the Foreign Office going to do?"

Raid on German Reds
The headquarters of the anti-Fascist (Communist) League in Berlin were raided by police, all papers and money seized, and the premises shut. Branch offices of the league and the houses of its leaders were searched.

Similar action has been taken in other parts of Germany.

Moscow Defiant

Yaroslavsky, one of Stalin's henchmen and editor-in-chief of the Moscow official journal *Bezbozhnik* (The Godless), broadcast a speech from Moscow, the gist of which was a defiant challenge to the Christian Churches and to the Christian world.

He said that Soviet Russia is determined to sweep away all belief in God and every vestige of organized religion. He read telegrams from 10 Russian towns in which churches and other places of worship are to be demolished, and said that since "the Pope's intervention" all old churches have been "turned into dust."

The Soviet official organ, *Pravda*, makes the following reply to the Pope:

The Pope, like all exploiters and reactionaries, is the enemy of the working class.

That is why he calls upon the Powers to make religious freedom a condition of recognition. This means, he is proposing, the rupture of diplomatic relations, because it is quite clear that the Soviet Government will not permit interference in its internal

affairs and its policy towards religion.—British United Press.
"Hidespread and Deep Concern"
Mr. G. Locker-Lampson (C. Wood Green), asked Mr. Henderson in the House of Commons whether he would take immediate steps to bring before the League of Nations the question of the conditions affecting religious liberty in Russia.

Mr. Henderson replied:

The reports current as regards the religious situation in Russia have caused widespread and deep concern in this and other countries and are receiving the serious consideration of his Majesty's Government.

I have grave doubts whether the course suggested by Mr. Locker-Lampson would promote the object he has in view, but the House may rest assured that the Government will, when possible or compatible with the interests of those affected, use all its influence in support of the cause of religious liberty and the freedom of religious practice.

I am now awaiting a report from our Ambassador in Moscow (Sir Esmond Ovey).

Primate's New Warning
The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang), repeated in the House of Lords his statement, that he was taking steps for a full inquiry by trustworthy men. Among his other points were:

So far as I can see the policy of persecution continues unabated. We in this country can scarcely realise what it is when a man holds his religious opinions at the cost of almost certain suffering, disability, and abuse.

The Soviet Government is incurring grave risks if on the one hand it desires to obtain advantages from its association with this country and on the other violates every principle, and instinct for which this country has consistently stood.

TRAMS OR BUSES?
(Continued from Page 1.)

receipts have not proved as satisfactory as expected. This, however, is mainly due to the fares on our route No. 4 (Kowloon City—Yau-mati Ferry) being too low, and although your Board will refrain as long as possible from increasing fares, such a course—in the case of the route referred to—may become necessary.

A new route (No. 5) has been opened and—in the summer months—we are called upon to provide a service between Star Ferry and Tai Wan Beach.

New Buses Bought

For the service of these additional areas 8 new buses were purchased during the course of the year. Including the former 16 passenger vehicles the Company now has a total of 24 (Dennis) motor buses. Depreciation provided against motor buses, especially in the case of the old fleet, has been a heavy item of charge in the accounts, and in addition to certain interest costs incurred in financing the new expenditure, has absorbed the surplus earned on working. There is accordingly no return from this source for 1929. Although the results for this first year of our Kaitack operation are disappointing, I feel able to say that given continued development of our routes the prospects of this investment are not discouraging.

Interesting Development

I have been asked to make a statement concerning current rumours as to the acquisition by this Company of the Hong Kong Hotel Motor Garage business. Preliminary negotiations with such an acquisition in view commenced a few days ago and it is proposed—at an early date—to take the opportunity of placing, before shareholders, a full statement of the position and to consider certain proposals.

The Balance Sheet
Turning to the Balance Sheet and Accounts before the Meeting:

A new head—Motor Transport Investments—appears in the statement of Assets set out in the Balance Sheet. This takes the place of the former item "Motor Bus Account" and includes the investment in the Kaitack Company previously referred to.

With the exception of this item the Accounts are presented in their usual form. Creditors' liabilities amounting to £238,703.58 show a decline of £238,703.58 from the

figure for the previous year and this, due largely to Motor Bus competition, I have already mentioned. Including the item of Interest and Investment return in the Profit and Loss Account the total income for the year amounts to \$1,624,301.72 against \$1,955,914.34 for 1928. On the other hand, the working expenses give favourable comparisons with last year and after charging \$146,586.00 for Depreciation and providing the Government Royalty of \$37,692.44 Net Profit amounts to \$731,703.58. This is \$239,176.77 less than for 1928.

Deducting \$325,000.00 for the Interim Dividend paid in August last and \$80,000.00 written-off Goodwill and Construction Expenses there remains a sum of \$338,703.58.

Making a total of \$1.00 per share for the year, your Directors now recommend the declaration of a Final Dividend of 50 cents per share, absorbing \$325,000.00 and carrying forward the balance to next year.

Including the amount of \$245,789.17 brought forward from last year this gives an additional sum of \$19,703.58—that is, a total of \$259,552.76—unappropriated profit carried to next account.

There is nothing else, I think, calling for separate mention and I beg to propose:—

"That the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts as presented for the year ended December 31, 1929, be adopted and that a Final Dividend of 50 cents per share for the year 1929 is hereby sanctioned."

When this resolution has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

A Note of Caution
Mr. Frank Austin, in seconding the proposal, said:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—I rise to second the adoption of the report and accounts. Although the first year's working of our motor buses has not been financially successful, I am a strong believer in the Company going forward on the policy of acquiring and running services of motor buses both on the Island and in Kowloon.

In Victoria the Company is in a particularly good position to combine the running of motor buses with its tramway services and I feel the policy of the Board in negotiating with the Hotel Company for the purchase of its motor buses and franchise should be endorsed by shareholders provided that this can be effected at a reasonable price.

Also I trust that this may be done without the Tramway Company being saddled with the Hotel Company's garages, hire service cars and organisation as agents for various makes of motor cars.

The Tramway Company has behind it a record of good service to the public, and I feel sure the Government will have every confidence that in giving enlarged powers to the Tramway Company, these will be exercised in the best interests of the community.

I now formally beg to second the resolution "that the report of the Directors and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1929, be adopted as presented, and that a final dividend of 50 cents per share for the year 1929 is hereby sanctioned."

The motion, when put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Other Business
On the proposal of Mr. K. Stuart Smith, seconded by Mr. J. F. Wright, the appointment of Mr. Choa Po-sien to the Board was confirmed and the retiring Directors, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. J. E. Josephs, were re-elected.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors, on the motion of Mr. F. H. Crappell, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell.

Those Present
Supporting the Chairman were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Robert Stock, Mr. J. E. Joseph, and Mr. Choa Po-sien (Directors), together with Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., A.M.L.E.E., M.Inst. T. (Manager) and Mr. W. F. Simmons, F.C.I.S. (Secretary).

Others present were Messrs. F. H. Crappell, O. Kitchell, J. F. Wright, K. Stuart Smith, W. J. Stokes, Frank Austin, Felix M. Ellis, Wong Kwong-tin, C. B. Riggs, J. T. Bagshaw, A. H. Rumjahn, G. W. Sellers, N. V. A. Croucher, Chua Seng-choc, E. Ezra, N. M. Currie, A. B. Stewart, Kwok Hin-wang, O. F. Ribeiro, Xu Chung-suen, and H. Owen Hughes (shareholders).

SOVIET PRETEXT
Soldiers "Guard" the C.E. Railway

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A report from Berlin says a squad of 25 Soviet soldiers, who invaded Manchuria on March 18, refused to leave this border town, on the pretext of guarding the Chinese Eastern Railway local organisations.

The Chinese authorities have protested to the Soviet Consulate and requested the border guards to leave away these Soviet invaders.

FULL HONOUR FOR SPAIN'S DICTATOR

"LET PASSION BE SILENT AND HISTORY SPEAK"

TARDY COMMENT

Madrid, Yesterday.
"Let passion be silent and history speak," concludes the Conservative newspaper *Epoca*, editorially one of their strongest opponents of De Rivera's dictatorship. The phrase sums up the feeling of the country generally. The Government made a statement regretting the General's death, and pointing out that Prime de Rivera pacified Morocco and reached the highest post in the State. Therefore it recommended to the King that the honours due to Captain-General be rendered to De Rivera.

Paris, Yesterday.
The body will be placed in a special van of the Pyrenees Express with full pomp and honours, including the band of the Garde Republicaine. M. Doumergue, the French President, will be represented. The body will be accompanied to Madrid by De Rivera's son and the Spanish Ambassador-Receiver.

REDS' SACRIFICE
All Shades of Religion Ridiculed

OUTBURSTS IN NEW YORK

New York, Yesterday.
While policemen armed with batons and revolvers guarded them against possible anarchist attacks, thousands of Christians and Jews joined in prayers on behalf of their persecuted co-religionists in Russia yesterday.

A great assembly was held by Bishop Manning in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Simultaneously, twelve thousand "Reds" gathered in the great drill shed of the Bronx museum and counter-demonstrated and ridiculed all shades of religion.—Reuter's American Service.

NOVEL HONEYMOON

Spent in the Midst of Revolutions

STARTED FROM SHANGHAI

London, Yesterday.
Allen Isaacson, who in March 1928 started from Shanghai on a honeymoon motor tour of the world, arrived in London to-day. In the course of the tour they got mixed up in two revolutions in China and a revolution in Afghanistan.—Reuter.

CIVIL WAR

(Continued from Page 1.)

Nanning and Luichow Bombed.
According to aviators who have returned from the front, four planes, namely, Chu-Kong, Kwang-chow, Poo-de-se, and Hankow, of the air forces stationed in Wuchow, were despatched on March 13, to drop bombs on the enemies' strongholds at Nanning and Luichow. One bomb destroyed the Provincial Government premises at Nanning, while another hit squarely on the enemies' fortifications. The district office of Mai Ping was also struck, causing many casualties among the insurgents.—Canton News Agency.

Earlier Cables

Nanking, Yesterday.
This morning Chiang Kai-shek declared that Yen Hai-shan and Feng Yuhsiang were preparing to launch a joint drive against the Government along the Peking-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow Railways.

Chiang Kai-shek denied rumours that the Government is concentrating troops at Tientsin preparatory to an attack on Tientsin and Peking. He announced that when the rebels attacked, the Government troops would withdraw and remain on the defensive, to prove that the Government does not want war and desires peace.—Reuter.

AIR AGREEMENT

Siberian Railway Not Affected

Moscow, Yesterday.
Apropos the Sino-German air traffic agreement mentioned the other day, it is semi-officially stated that the Soviet Government has not granted sanction for such a service across Siberia.—Reuter.

Through an oversight the name of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., is omitted from the company dividend announcement on page 2.

The Corporation of the City of London decided to make chickenpox compulsorily notifiable for a period of six months, following a request of the Ministry of Health in connection with the efforts to stamp out smallpox.

Two cotton mills, one of four and the other of five spindles, were destroyed by fire at Ludenhamfoot, Wiltshire.

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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1930.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on SATURDAY, the 5th day of April, 1930, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1929, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 28th March, 1930, until SATURDAY, the 5th April, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1930.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
To-day—Tea Dance at Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
To-morrow—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

March 21—Installation of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Dinner, 8.30 p.m.
March 21—Dance, Peak Club.

Entertainments
To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Dynamite."
To-day—Star Theatre, "Monte Carlo."

To-day—World Theatre, "Caught in the Fog," 5.15 and 9.20 p.m.; "The Winning Daughter," (Chinese picture), 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Camille!"
March 22, 25, 26 (matinee), 27, 28, and 29—A.B.C.—"And So To Bed," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1930.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia and Europe via Vancouver (Empress of Canada), 10 a.m.

Auctions
March 20—Refinery Stores, Tak-koo Sugar Refinery Co., Quarry Bay, 11 a.m.
March 21—Goods and chattels, Metropole Hotel, 10.30 a.m.

Sports
See Special Sports Diary on page 6.

Meetings
To-day—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
To-morrow—Green Island Cement Co., St. George's Buildings, noon.

To-morrow—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., Alexander Building, 2.50 p.m.
March 22—Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., meeting, Exchange Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

March 26—Hong Kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Office, noon.

Miscellaneous
To-day—Lecture by Mrs. Dovey on "Child Welfare in the Tropics," Helms May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Wah Yan College prize distribution, 5.15 p.m.
March 20—Central British School prize distribution, 5.30 p.m.



9524—Miniature Revues—How's That? ... John Thorne & Co.
9525—Miniature Revues—How Do You Do? John Thorne & Co.
9689—Fourth Form at St. Michael's ... Will Hay.
9671—From My Window in Vanity Fair Billy Bennett.
9468—Sailing Up the Clyde ... Will Fyfe.
9413—London Street Noises
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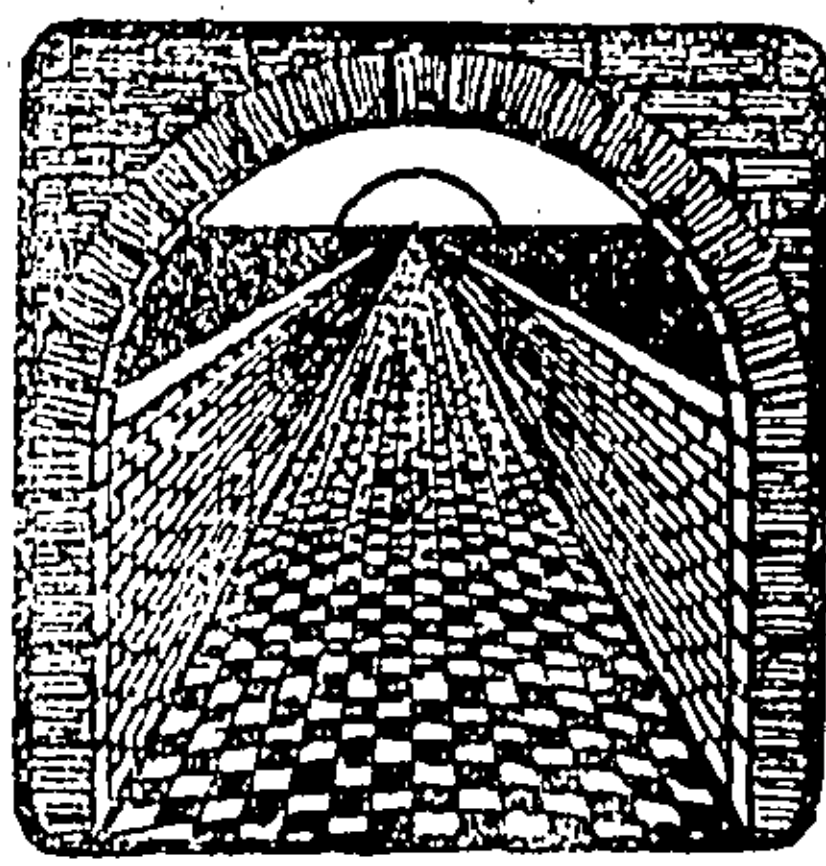
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TARIFF PACT

Japan and Chinese
Autonomy

Nanking, Yesterday.
A semi-official communiqué states
that the formal signing of the Sino-
Japanese tariff agreement is expected
to be announced shortly, marking the
final attainment of one of the major
diplomatic aims of the National Gov-
ernment.

The agreement marks a definite re-
cognition by Japan of China's com-
plete tariff autonomy, and the enforce-
ment of the new tariff schedule pro-
mulgated in February, 1929, where-
hitherto the old rates have been
collected; also Japan's relin-
quishment of special land frontier
duties (which are one third lower than
the normal customs duties).
As a temporary measure of transi-
tion the agreement is accompanied by
an arrangement of limited scope, for a
limited period, providing that on a
few articles of Chinese exports Japan
agrees to reduce the duties somewhat,
while China agrees to maintain the
present rates or not to increase them
beyond a certain point on certain im-
ports.
This temporary measure is con-
sidered the only practicable means of

regularising Sino-Japanese relations
on the basis of China's complete tariff
autonomy, and does not mark any de-
parture from the general policy of not
negotiating agreements embodying
mutual tariff concessions.—Reuter.

GIVE UP SMOKING

Judge's Advice to a
Young Woman

It was stated at Devon Assizes
that Jessie Evelyn Andrews, 21, a
domestic servant, who was bound
over for unlawfully wounding
Blanche May Muford, at Torquay,
was a great cigarette smoker.
Jealous of her friend Muford be-
cause of her association with a man,
prisoner attacked and slightly
wounded her.
Mr. Justice Avory said that
undoubtedly the girl was in a state
of hysterics, which might be due
to excessive cigarette smoking. He
urged her to take care to control
her temper and give up the cigarette
smoking habit as soon as possible,
or it might lead to further mischief.
If not a repetition of her conduct

HATRY REFUSED THE
LEAVE TO APPEALMOST APPALLING FRAUDS IN
THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY
SENTENCE NOT TOO LONG

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Court of Criminal Appeal has
refused leave to Clarence Hatry to ap-
peal against the sentence of 14 years
penal servitude passed upon him by
Mr. Justice Avory. Lord Hewart, who
presided, said the Court endorsed Mr.
Justice Avory's opinion that the frauds
of which Hatry was convicted were the
most appalling that had ever dis-
figured the commercial reputation of this
country. They considered the sentence
not a day too long. Sentence would
begin as from to-day. Hatry was con-
victed on January 25.—British Wire-
less Service.

FAR EAST FLIGHT

Van Lear Black Expected
To-morrow

R.A.F. ESCORT

The Standard Oil Co. of New
York courteously informs the China
Mail that it has received a
cable from its Haiphong
Office stating that Mr. Van
Lear Black expects to "hop off"
from Hanoi to-morrow, and to arrive
here at 2 p.m.

Through the courtesy of the Com-
manding Officer and Staff of the
R.A.F. Kai Tak Band, a large
white canvas tee will be displayed on
the Aerodrome for Mr. Van Lear
Black's guidance and, should the
weather be bad, the R.A.F. will
send up aircraft to guide the
visitor.

Mr. James A. Fitzpatrick, a pic-
ture producer of the Fitzpatrick
Studios, New York, will arrive in
Hong Kong on the "Columbus" to-
morrow morning, and will be pre-
sent at the landing with a "crew"
to take a "Movie Tone" of this
landing, which will thus eventually
be of world-wide interest.

CRAFT COLLIDE

Coal Steamer and a
Junk

Just after dusk at 6.30 p.m., yes-
terday, a collision occurred in the
harbour of Wanchai. A trading
junk, laden with a cargo of rice was
being towed through the harbour by
the steam launch Kwong Yik, owned
by the Hing Kee Steam Launch
Co. When passing Wanchai a
Japanese coal steamer, the name of
which was not ascertained, which
was then moving away from its
mooring, was alleged to have colli-
ded with the junk.

According to a report subse-
quently made to the Water Police
by Cheung Chung-koi, the account-
ant of the junk, his craft suffered
damage to the extent of \$3,000.
The cargo of rice remained intact
as the towing junk successfully
dragged the junk to shelter where
it was beached.

PECULIAR PLEAS

Alleged Robbery in the
Harbour

Four Chinese—Chung Kau, Chan
Cheung, Wong Ping, and Li Nam
—were arraigned before Mr. Jus-
tice J. R. Wood this morning at
the Criminal Sessions on a charge
of robbery by two or more.

The incident was alleged to
have taken place on board a sam-
pan on the night of February 17.
When asked to plead, the first
prisoner said "I did not snatch the
bangle, the other men did."

The second man said, "I did en-
gage the boat but I did not
snatch."

The third man said, "I did not
use my hands," and the fourth ac-
cused simply pleaded "Not Guilty."
His Lordship remanded the case
until to-morrow morning.

OVERLOADED SHIPS

Two Captains Fined \$250
Each

At the Marine Court this morn-
ing before Comdr. G. F. Hole, Mr.
Chung Cheong-ze, Managing
Director of the Sze Yip Steamship
Company, owners of the On Lee, was
summoned for allowing the ship to
be overloaded on the after-
noon of March 13.

Mr. R. J. Gillespie, master of
the vessel, was also summoned on
the same charge.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, on behalf
of the defendants, stated that the
captain would plead "guilty" to the
charge, whereupon his Wor-
ship imposed a fine of \$250, or
three months' jail in default. The
summons against the owner was
dismissed.

In another case, Captain B.
Thomson, of the s.s. Lungshan,
was charged with allowing his
ship to be overloaded on the same
day. The captain, who was repre-
sented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara,
was also fined \$250.

POSTING A LIVE
PACKETA STRANGE POSTAL
SERVICE
TESTED AND FOUND O.K.

It was recently reported that it
was possible to send a "person"
through the British Post Office.
This strange service has now been
tested by the London Morning Post,
from whose columns we reproduce
the following account:

My first attempt to post my
colleague (writes the sender) was
made at Charles Street (Hay-
market) Post Office. I was inform-
ed that the nearest post office at
which such business could be trans-
acted was off Jermyn Street.

Accordingly, I took my "postal
package" there. Post office clerks
are a phlegmatic race, and no
emotion was shown, nothing but
impersonal efficiency. "He goes as
an express letter," I was told; a
rapid reference to a map, then a
demand for 1s. "Would you like to
speak to the messenger?" I did so.

Sticking the Stamp

A stamp was affixed to an official
form bearing the name and address
of the News Editor, Morning Post,
the boy signed on the dotted line,
was given 4d. for his return fare by
the clerk, and told to bring back a
receipt in the ordinary way.

"Cum Caesar Rhenum transiit
....." I said in farewell, not
caring to risk French or German.
My "letter" rose nobly to the occa-
sion. "Amo Amas Amat," he replied
with feeling. The boy seemed to
think there was a sound of finality
about that and steered my "letter"
out of the door.

The boy (writes the "express
letter") endeavoured to make a
little conversation. I replied with
a shake of the head and a non-
committal smile. He shrugged his
shoulders and, taking me gently by
the arm, led me into Piccadilly.

I tried to mount more than one
wrong bus, but he pulled me back.

"Letter" Pays Own Fare
Ultimately we were seated on a
No. 96 headed for Ludgate Circus.

I had to pay my own fare, and he
could not make me understand. He
showed the 2d., and I produced a
handful of silver, allowing him to
help himself. He gave me my
change and took two tickets, paying
his own fare.

Showing the usual interest of the
foreigner in a strange city, I stood
up to look at the lights in Piccadilly
Circus; he put me back into my seat
with firmness. "That's Nelson," I
looked vague, and he gave it up.

Still leading me by the arm, he
brought me from the bus at
Ludgate Circus and piloted me along
New Bridge Street. As he stopped to
inquire the way of a taxi-driver I
became engulfed in the crowd.

Relentless as a bloodhound he sought
me out. He did not intend this
"package" to be lost or stolen in the
post. Holding me yet more firmly,
he brought me to the office, in under
half an hour from Jermyn Street,
which, considering the start of
traffic, was express delivery indeed.

Refusing to part with me until
his proper receipt had been obtain-
ed, he was ushered into the presence
of the addressee, still taking care
that I did not wander. "Omnis
Gallia," I began. "Castra posuit,"
replied my recipient. With his re-
ceipt in his hand, my Mercury left
briskly—another job done.

TRICK CYCLISTS

Another Batch of
Offenders

Another batch of six Chinese
trick cyclists appeared before Mr.
Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy this morning.

Two of them were fined \$5 each
for riding at night without lights.
In one instance the defendant was
said to have used a small hand torch,
but that his Worship regarded as
"a very poor excuse."

Four others were fined \$10 each,
two being given the alternative
of two weeks' jail for riding in
circles in Nathan Road, outside the
Majestic and Po Hing Theatres.

Sergeant Clark pointed out that
that part of the road was a favourite
place for trick cyclists owing to the
road being wide.

ALLEGED ARSON

Student Brought Before
Magistrate

Li Chuen-yau (18), a student,
appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-
Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning, charged on five
counts of attempted arson.
It will be recalled that the
arson attempts were made at
80, Stanley Street (2nd
floor) and the second at 68,
D'Agular Street (1st floor). At
12.45 a.m. other attempts were
made at 179, Reclamation Street
(2nd floor), 288, Shanghai Street
(3rd floor), and 4, Portland Street.
At the request of Detective In-
spector Fallon, a week's remand
was granted.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/5 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/5 13/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/6
Credits, 4 months'	1/6 3/4
Documentary, 4	
months' sight	1/6 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand	922 1/2
Credits, 4 months'	
sight	997 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	
On New York—	
On demand	36 1/2
Credits, 60 days'	
sight	37 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	99 1/2
On demand	99 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	99 1/2
On demand	99 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	64
On Manila—	
On demand	72 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78 1/2
80 day's sight (private	
paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand	73
Gold Leaf, 100 fine	
(per tael)	
Sovereigns (Bank's	
buying rate)	12.30
Silver (per oz.)	19 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong	
Kong	2% dis.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native In-	
terest	6% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	22 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.27
New York	4.88 1/2
Brussels	34.88 1/2
Geneva	25.12
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.85
Berlin	20.38 1/2
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Vienna	34.52 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/4
Madrid	38.40
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	5 23/32
Buenos Aires	41 1/2
Bombay	1/5 27/32
Shanghai	1/10 3/4
Hong Kong	1/5 3/4
Yokohama	2/0 3/4
Silver Spot	19 1/2
Silver Forward	19

—British Wireless Service.

BANDITS TO GO?

New Programme for
Their Suppression

Nanking, Feb. 10.
The Administrative Council sent
a circular order to the various
provinces by telegraph yesterday to
the effect that the worst suffering
the people of the whole country are
being subjected is the bandit
menace, the extermination of which
forms the most urgent step towards
the improvement of internal adminis-
tration. The programme for the
reform of civil administration cannot
be carried out successfully as
long as the lawless elements continue
to menace the people, who are pre-
vented from continuing their lawful
pursuits peacefully. The district
magistrates of the various provinces
have been ordered to file in regular
reports regarding banditry and the
work of bandit suppression, some
time ago by the Central Govern-
ment. A fundamental solution of
this question requires the enforce-
ment of both permanent and tem-
porary measures. It is the duty of
the district magistrates to suppress
bandits, but it devolves on the shoul-
ders of the chairmen of the pro-
vincial governments to take full
responsibility.

Provinces Responsible

At the recommendation of the
Administrative Council the Central
Government now contemplates the
issuance of an order holding the
various provinces responsible for
the complete extermination of ban-
dits within their respective regions
within this year. The chairman of
each province will be required to
fix a time limit independently,
wherein bandits shall be exterminated.
Within this time-limit, the
chairman is empowered to impeach
the commanders and officers of the
troops who share the responsibility
for bandit suppression, if they fail
to carry out their parts faithfully.
Provincial chairmen shall also re-
port to the Central Government any
military units who refuse to obey
orders, thereby hindering the ban-
dit suppression campaign. For
punishment. Local officials who fail
to carry out bandit suppression

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 18th March, 1930.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Num.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	174	174	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21/2 for 1929] Feb. 24, 30
Chartered Bank .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 bonus 1/2] Pending
Mercantile Bk., A.B. (C. L.) .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Oct. — 29
Bank of Asia .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	765	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] May 23, 29
Union Ins.	395	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] May 24, 29
China Underwriters	1	...	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	340	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 bonus 1/2] May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins.	895	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Pending
Shipping.						
Douglases	39	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboats	164	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	49	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] June 19, 29
Shell Transports	92 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Jan. 6, 30
Union Waterboats	25	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet	655	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Dec. — 29
Kailan Mining Ad.	47 1/2	...	...	...	June	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.)	19 1/2	...	...	...	Oct.	Last div. for year 31-10-27
Shai Exploration	1.80	...	...	...	Dec.	None
Loans	5	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1928
Raubs	19 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Pending
Tromoh Mines	21 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Sep. 30, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	144	145	144 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Mar. 13, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	13	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
China Providents	4.05	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
Hongkew	216	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Pending
N. Engineering	7.80	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks	123	...	...	...	Apr.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	14.10	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Mar. 17, 30
Shai Cotton (old)	80	...	...	...	Apr.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Nov. 26, 29
Shai Cotton (new)	78	...	...	...	Oct.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Oct. 11, 29
Zoong Sings	10	...	...	...	June	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Oct. 11, 29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hotels	12.85	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Lands	64 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Feb. 12, 30
Shanghai Lands	225	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Mar. 12, 30
Humphreys	14	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Feb. 8, 29
H. K. Realities	8.90	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Pending
Chinese Estates	98	...	...	...	Feb.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] June 5, 29
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	20.40	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Mar. 13, 30
Peik Trams (old)	11 1/2	...	...	...	Apr.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] June 7, 29
Peik Trams (new)	6.05	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Feb. 14, 30
Star Ferries	67	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Dec. 28, 29
China Light	20 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Mar. 12, 30
H. K. Electric	66 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1929] Pending

Sport Columns

FOOTBALL FOR TO-MORROW

WILL THE "SETS" BEAT THE CLUB?

FIVE LEAGUE MATCHES

[By "Roamer"]

Two Senior fixtures are down for decision to-morrow. The Club are at home to the Somersets to pull up their postponed game from October 14. With the "Sets" failing to beat Recreio last Saturday I suppose it is only logic to expect the Club, after drawing with the K.O.S.B. and being two places higher in the table than Recreio, to be returned the winners, but in spite of these facts the "Sets" should be given a further chance to prove that their journey to the final round of the Shield was not by fluky successes. "Sets" your last chance! They won their League game with the same opponents at Chatham Road in January by four clear goals. That performance should be repeated to-morrow.

Recreio will meet Kowloon at King's Park to complete December 21 fixtures. The home eleven took a new lease of life last Saturday and mastered the Somersets by the odd goal in three. Kowloon disappointed last week-end by failing to meet the Navy. They should get a good game against Recreio, and I predict a division of the spoils.

Junior Games

In order to avoid running into May the Council have decided to stage the three games listed for the 3rd.

On March 8 Ewo and S. China "B" shared six goals so a point each is the likely verdict for this encounter.

The Club will find the University a little too strong for them. If the University are successful it will mean a jump of two places in the table, and I think they will just manage it.

Chinese "B" are due at the Railway ground to give battle with Kowloon. The home side took away the full spoils from the Stadium in January by netting three times with one in response, so I predict their filling the gaps in their ranks and bagging both points to-morrow.

PROGRAMME

Division I (4.45 p.m.)

Club v. Somersets, The Club ground, Happy Valley.

Recreio v. Kowloon, King's Park, Kowloon.

Division II (4.45 p.m.)

Ewo v. S. China "B", Caroline Hill Ground.

University v. Club, St. Joseph's Ground, Happy Valley.

Kowloon v. Chinese "B", Kowloon F. C. Ground.

To-morrow's Team

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI versus University: Stirling; Sloan, Potouloff; Hynes, Panchon, Raiton; Pankhurst, Stoker, Smith, Peers and Thompson.

Reserves:—Dean, Hooper, and Dinna.

HAGEN'S VICTORY

Defeat of Australians in Foursome

Melbourne, Yesterday. In a four ball match at the Royal Melbourne Club to-day, Walker, Hagen and Kirkwood defeated Jupp and Lefevre by three up and one to play. Reuter.

It is probable that the career of a professional cricketer will soon attract men recruited from a class which in the past would not have contemplated such a step. If the present Government advise His Majesty to confer a knighthood upon Jack Hobbs, that process will be accelerated.—Rowe Harding.

HOME FOOTBALL

Charlton's win in Division II

HULL WELL LICKED

London, Yesterday.

Charlton Athletic met and defeated Hull City to-day by four goals, thus leaving the relegation problem still open so far as concerns the Hull team.

Result: Charlton A. 4 Hull City 0

—Reuter.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Oldham	32	18	9	5	72	35	45
Blackpool	33	21	9	9	79	60	45
Chelsea	33	16	11	6	61	34	43
Bury	33	17	4	12	67	56	38
Bradford	33	15	8	10	68	57	38
Cardiff	33	15	6	12	48	42	36
Southampton	33	14	7	12	61	55	35
Wolves	33	14	7	12	59	61	34
Charlton	32	11	10	10	51	40	33
Tottenham	33	12	9	12	50	48	33
Stoke	34	12	8	14	62	61	32
West Brom.	32	13	5	14	78	63	31
Notts Cnty.	33	9	13	11	48	49	31
Notts Per.	32	10	11	11	40	56	31
Millwall	33	7	15	11	47	59	29
Reading	34	9	11	14	44	58	29
Preston N.E.	33	10	9	14	51	67	29
Hull	31	11	6	14	42	58	28
Bradford C.	33	9	10	14	50	61	28
Barnsley	33	9	8	16	44	60	26
Swansea	34	8	9	17	42	59	25
Bristol C.	32	8	7	17	47	70	23

TENNIS

Japanese Pair Successful at H.K.C.C.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Honda and Akiyama proved too strong for Sewell and McEachran in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament yesterday and won comfortably, losing only six games. Honda played beautiful tennis, always placing his shots to advantage and with the powerful forehand drive of Akiyama, the British pair were swept off their feet.

Sewell and McEachran did not combine together very well. Frequently both players were caught going for the same ball, but on the other hand the Japanese pair combined very well indeed.

The afternoon's play was very uninteresting, as there was only one open event in the programme. Seven other matches were decided, four of them Club championship ties and three in the Handicap Singles "B" class.

The complete results were:—Open Championship Doubles (second round)—T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat G. W. Sewell and J. S. McEachran, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

Club Championship (second round).—H. J. Armstrong beat Capt. E. C. Etherington, 6-3, 6-2. T. J. Price beat O. E. C. Marton, 6-0, 6-2. H. Owen Hughes beat T. C. Monaghan 6-3, 6-0. A. L. Sullivan beat H. Mijhoff 6-3, 6-3. Handicap Singles "B"—C. de Bruyn (rec. 4/6) beat J. R. Hinton (rec. 2/6) 7-5, 6-2. G. E. R. Divett (1/6) beat A. H. Johnson (2/6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

This Afternoon's Programme. Open Championship Singles (3rd round).—H. D. Rumbahn v. Luk Ding-cheung. (Court No. 9). Open Championship Doubles (3rd round).—E. C. and E. F. Fincher v. M. W. and M. K. Lo. (Stand Court). Club Championship (second round).—F. A. Redmond v. A. H. Block. (Court No. 8).

Handicap Singles "A" (second round).—R. H. Wild (rec. 2/6) v. P. W. J. Planner (rec. 5/6). (Court No. 7). T. C. Monaghan (rec. 2/6) v. H. Owen Hughes (4/6). (Court No. 4). Very Rev. Dean Swann (rec. 2/6) v. S. L. Parsons (rec. 3/6). (Court No. 3). Austin v. Borotra.

Paris, Yesterday. A sensational victory by H. W. ("Bunny") Austin over Jean Borotra was the outstanding feature of the annual inter-city lawn tennis tournament between Paris and London to-day.

Paris beat London by twelve matches to nine.

H. W. Austin beat J. Borotra by three sets to one, after losing the first, 2-6, 6-2, 11-9, 6-2.—Reuter.

The time has come—before further damage is done—to examine the position and see whether goal-judges are necessary, as experience has now persuaded us to believe, is possible.—Athletic News.

HOCKEY

Club 2nd Lose to the R.A.

INDIANS TOO GOOD

The Hong Kong and Singapore Brigade, R.A., defeated the Hong Kong Hockey Club second eleven by three goals to nil on the Marina ground yesterday.

The Indians were very fast and proved dangerous from the start, only

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL

Football—March 22—Sunday Herald Cup Final, 4.30 p.m.

April 5—Junior and Senior Shield Finals.

Tennis—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament (weather permitting).

Hockey—Wednesday—Club v. Punjabis, U.S.R.C. ground, 5.15 p.m.

Friday—Club v. University II, King's Park, 5 p.m.

Rowing—Wednesday—Trevessa Trophy, 4 p.m.

Rifle Shooting—April 20 and 21—Volunteers' annual rifle meeting, Stonecutters'.

HOME

Association Football—March 22—English and Scottish Cups—Semi-Final Ties.

Rugby Football—March 22—Army v. Royal Air Force, Twickenham.

April 21—France v. Wales. Racing—March 22—Imperial Cup Sandown Park.

March 28—Grand National, Liverpool.

March 29—Liverpool Hurdle Race; Champion Steeplechase, Liverpool.

Hockey—March 22—England v. Scotland.

March 29—Ireland v. England.

Athletics—March 22—International Cross-Country Race.

Golf—March 25-26—Oxford v. Cambridge, Hoyalake.

Motor Cycling—March 22—Leeds M.C. Open £200 Trial.

Billiards—February 21 to March 29—Amateur Championship, London.

The good work by the halves keeping them out. The interval found the Club

two goals down.

The second half was a little more even, but the Indians were still superior in every department of the game.

Their speed was a great asset, and only offside play robbed them of almost certain goals. The Club played better this half, only conceding one goal.

Team to Meet Punjab Regiment. The following will present the first team of the Hockey Club in their match with the Punjab Regiment on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow:—C. E. C. Marton, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. A. Dand (captain), J. E. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, R. H. D. Wade and T. J. Price.

Ireland need not worry about the release of cross-Channel players. She has home talent and will yet make a name.—An Irish selector.

CRICKET

The Most Important Individual

Devastating bowler, reliable batsman, professional—these are sometimes inclined to think that they carry a team on their shoulders. And they may be pardoned for so doing, for, in general, there are always one or two pavilion critics who are ready to assure them that such is the case.

But the truth is that the man who as an individual has the greatest power to make or mar a team is the captain.

The influence of a good skipper is a power that can scarcely be gauged. On the other hand a team with a reckless captain carries a burden that only exceptional qualities in the team itself can overcome.

There is no blame attached, however, to a man who fails as a captain; for his failure is a failure of personality, and you cannot blame a man for being what he is in his inherent character, though you may censure him for not being true to himself.

Character First

But that is beside the point. What is relative is the fact that a successful captaincy depends more on qualities of character than on actual skill at the wicket or in the field. A certain veteran player, whose judgment I rely on, once said of a player that he was the best skipper he ever knew his club to have. Yet he was not a bowler, was at best only a mediocre fielder, and his highest score for his team cannot have exceeded twenty-five runs. Yet the veteran was right. This man had authority, commonsense and imagination.

In dealing with his own team his authority bound the eleven together. They took the field as a solid unit and not as eleven individuals. They observed what the oft-quoted Mrs. Battle called "the rigour of the game." They were punctual in arrival, smart in the field, and when the voice of discontent raised itself it was promptly and smoothly dealt with.

And discontent is apt enough to break out in a club at any time. Women are right in their observation; men are like children and when something does not go right with them, if they are getting few runs and having their bowling knocked about, their first instinct is to look round for someone to blame. The child claims that the chair hit him.

Fetish of the Run-Getter

But too much of a fetish is made in clubs in general by appointing the most successful batsman to the post of captain. It is not necessary, nor, in fact, is it altogether wise; for if a man is both a good bat and a captain it throws too much weight on the one individual, sets him up as a personality with which the team cannot do without, begets an inferiority feeling among the rest of the players, and in the end a tendency to restlessness, and jealousy. Hero worship with men goes only a certain distance; the idol is safer on the ground than on the pedestal.

How rare are the qualities called for in a captain is shown by the oft-repeated adage that it is not wise to make a bowler the skipper of the team. The truth is that it is not

the fact that he is a bowler that mars the individual in question; it is that he has not the necessary poise of character. Either he loves himself too much, or is too diffident about his own abilities. If one has a good bowler and a good captain in the one man, there should be no hesitation in appointing him. Commonsense is asked of every man in whatever he does, so we will pass on to the less appreciated quality of imagination.

Experience is Necessary

Imagination, it has been said, leaps at what does not exist. But that is wrong; fear does it; imagination foresees what is to come and what can be made to come. It springs, properly speaking, from experience, and in competitive cricket, experience in the captain is invaluable.

Teams do not change much in personnel from one season to another; the experienced skipper knows the ways of each of the opposing batsmen, and he sets his field and encourages his bowlers accordingly. Experience, again, comes into force in dealing with an entirely new batsman; in an over or two, before he has settled down, his weak spot should have revealed itself.

Imagination, functioning on the basis of experience, will tell a skipper again whether a wicket is likely to play tricky or otherwise; and if he is faced with the unpleasant business of going in to bat on a sticky pitch he will alter his usual order in an endeavour to lose as few wickets as possible while the wicket is drying.

No Room for the Egotist

On the same basis again experience will tell him which of his batsmen is the more likely to keep the bowling out during that time, though in this case a shrewd understanding of character is also called for.

A captain, indeed, cannot be a No. 1 man; he has got to have that sympathy of understanding that allows for the mental make-up of the individual.

In short, the man who is fitted to be skipper is in many respects a unique fellow. He must have experience, and the imagination to make use of it; authority at the same time as a sympathetic understanding of the individual. It would pay practically any club having such a member to make him skipper, even if he has not scored above ten runs in his life, cannot bowl, and is only a stop-gap in the field.

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Jabez Wolfe, with Micky West (left), Welsh swimming champion, and Laddie Sharp, holder of women's British Channel record, as they appeared at Brighton, where Wolfe is training them for the arduous swim across the English Channel. They are after Gertrude Ederle's record. Both the aspirants are 19 years of age.

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World News In Pictures

A Farewell Dinner



A farewell dinner was given in honour of Mr. J. Macpherson ("Wee Mac") by a few of his Masonic Pals. Mr. Macpherson has been in Shanghai for the past thirty years and is now returning to Scotland.—(Photo by Ah Fong).

Naval Expert



Commodore Walter Rose, R.C.N., Director of the Canadian Naval Service, photographed on board Canadian Pacific liner Montrose on which he sailed from Saint John, to attend the Five-Power Naval Disarmament Conference in London. He is Canada's naval expert at the Conference.

Little Lady Digs Igloo



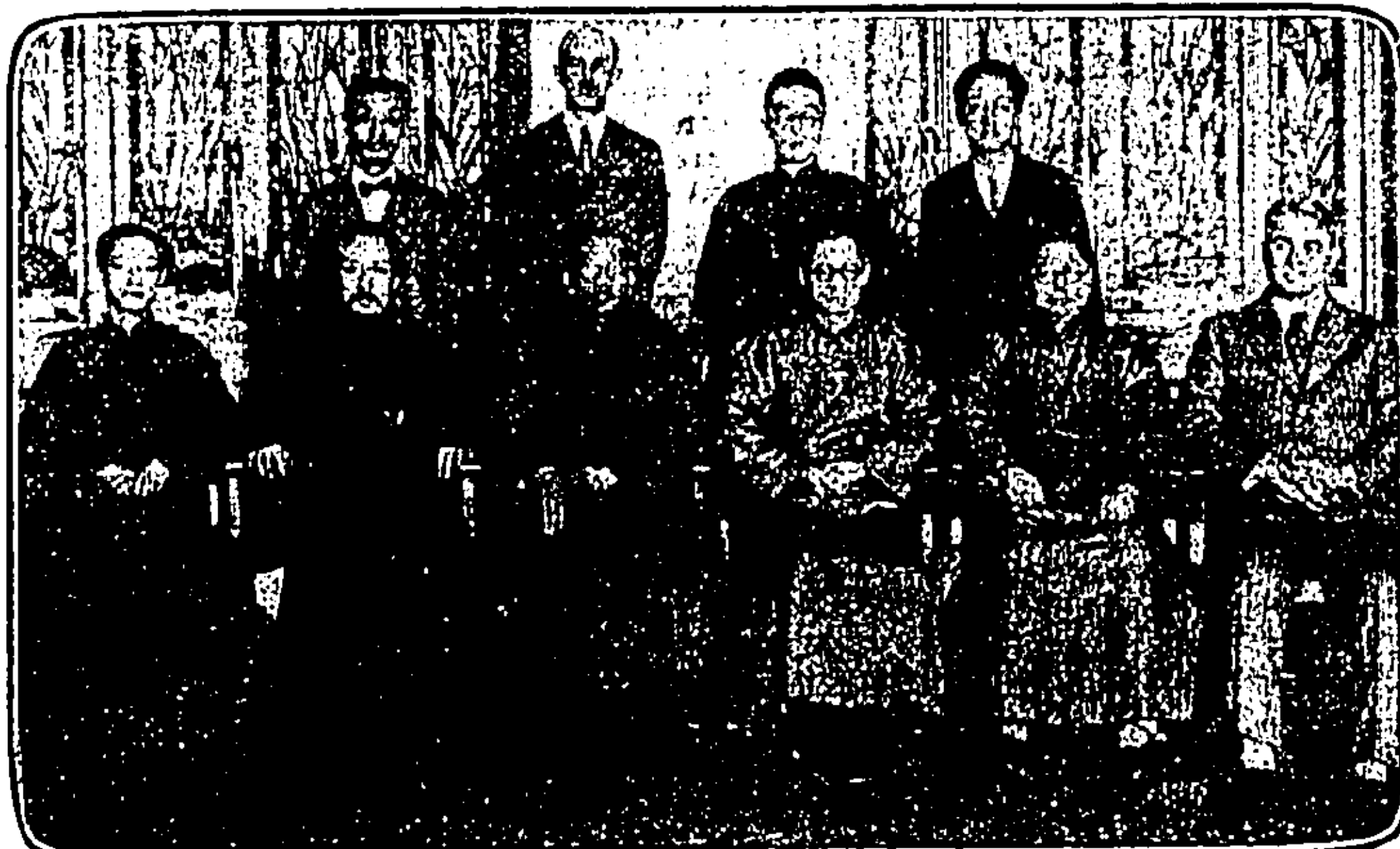
She has dug herself a snow cave just outside the Chateau Frontenac and she had the time of her life at the Winter Ice Pageant at Quebec City on February 12 and 13. Not that there was anything there to compare with her own igloo—not even the Chateau Frontenac itself—in her opinion, and fancy skating, ski-jumping and joring, snow-shoeing, dog-mushing and all the varied winter sport amusements that Jack Strathdee, director of the Pageant, invented do not stack up one-two-three with this real honest-to-goodness home in the snow. Which goes to prove that there were attractions for all tastes at the Pageant and no one went away unsatisfied.

Featured in Ice Pageant



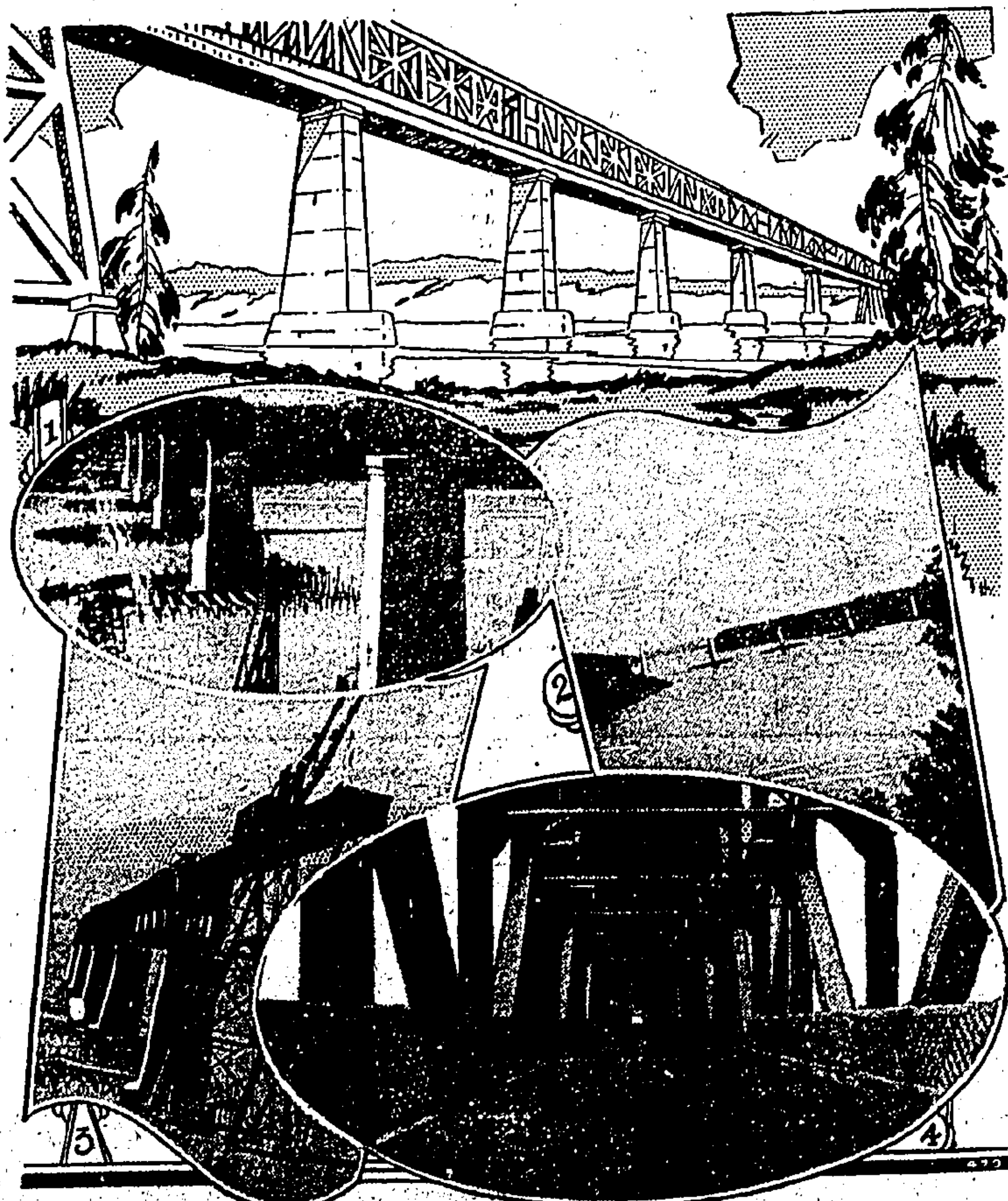
They are Miss Louise Bertram and Miss Gwyneth Osborne who with twenty-two other girls from the Toronto Skating Club, all dressed in pretty red and black costumes, took part in the special number, "Danse Moderne," given in the Frontenac Winter Sports Club Ice Pageant at Quebec on February 12 and 13.

Boxer Indemnity



The fourth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the "China Foundation" which is the Board of Control for the second portion of the Boxer Indemnity returned by the U.S.A., took place at the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai. Left to right, sitting: Dr. W. H. Wong, Mr. Li Shih-tseung, Dr. Tsi Yuan-pei, Dr. Chiang Mon-lin, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. J. E. Baker; standing: Mr. H. C. Zen, Mr. Roger S. Greene, Dr. Hu Shih and Dr. Chao Yuen-ren.—(Chung Hwa Studio).

Mighty Bridge Spans Saskatchewan



Faith in Canada's northern areas of resource becomes reality in the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge now nearing completion at Nipawin, Saskatchewan. Designed to take the heaviest locomotives likely to be built, this magnificent structure, a little more than 1907 feet long, spans the Saskatchewan River at a point leading from the more definitely agricultural section into mining and timber districts of recognized magnitude. It will afford ready access to still unexploited farm lands and direct transportation possibilities for those who will explore and develop mineral areas rich in promise. This new gateway to the North required more than 8 1/2 million pounds of structural steel in its construction. Vehicular traffic will be carried in the space between the ironwork and Canadian Pacific trains will travel on the top. (1) shows the pile-driver at work in 1928-1929. (2) In picturesque setting, the main piers of the structure are viewed from Ferry Hill in August 1929 before the steel arrived. (3) The west tower almost finished, December 15, 1929. (4) Looking across the completed bridge on the vehicular roadway which meets the Government highway at either end.

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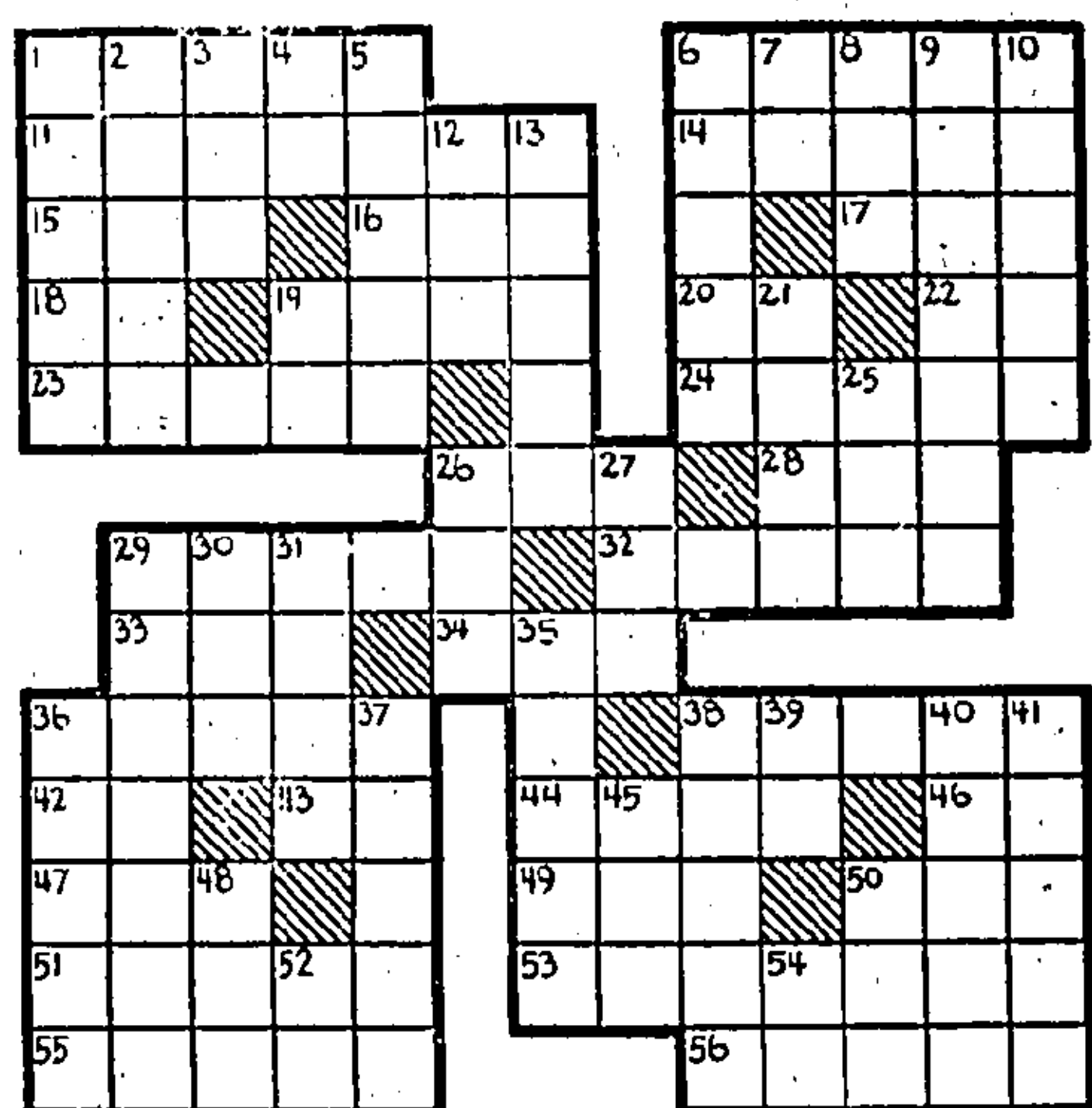
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-To defy
- 5-Stinging insect (pl.)
- 11-A country of N. Africa
- 14-A town in S. W. New York
- 16-To regret
- 18-A priest's white vestment
- 17-A drink
- 18-Grand Duke (abbr.)
- 19-To cheat (slang)
- 20-A country of Europe (abbr.)
- 22-Personal pronoun
- 23-Weird
- 24-A Cossack
- 26-A sphere
- 28-Decay
- 29-To brail
- 32-Egg-shaped
- 33-Goddess of the dawn (Gr. Myth.)
- 34-An ancient path
- 36-A planet's path in space
- 38-To embrace
- 42-Exist

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-In this manner
- 44-Underdone
- 46-Prefixed form of "ad"
- 47-Carpenter's tool
- 49-Self
- 50-To petition
- 51-Wanting in under-stand
- 53-Islands in S. Pacific
- 55-Ovules from which plants are reproduced
- 56-Part of leg (pl.)

VERTICAL

- 1-A large row-boat
- 2-To escape
- 3-To grow old
- 4-Prefixed "again"
- 5-Great English navigator
- 6-To defeat
- 7-Short for Albert
- 8-Set of the waves
- 9-Like an open hand
- 10-Mean insinuation

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-A river, Russian
- 13-Man's name
- 14-A musical note
- 21-Center of rubber in Brazil
- 25-Small child
- 26-Antique
- 27-A marsh
- 28-Pertinent
- 30-To plunder
- 31-Egyptian goddess
- 35-A land measure (pl.)
- 36-Green spot in a desert
- 37-Large volumes
- 38-An eastern pot or jar
- 39-The (French)
- 40-Fried quickly with little grease
- 41-Takes booty
- 45-Since
- 46-Woe (Scott.)
- 50-To understand
- 52-N. C. State of the U. S. (abbr.)
- 54-Info

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

BANK ROBBERY

Two Brothers' Strange Hoarding Place

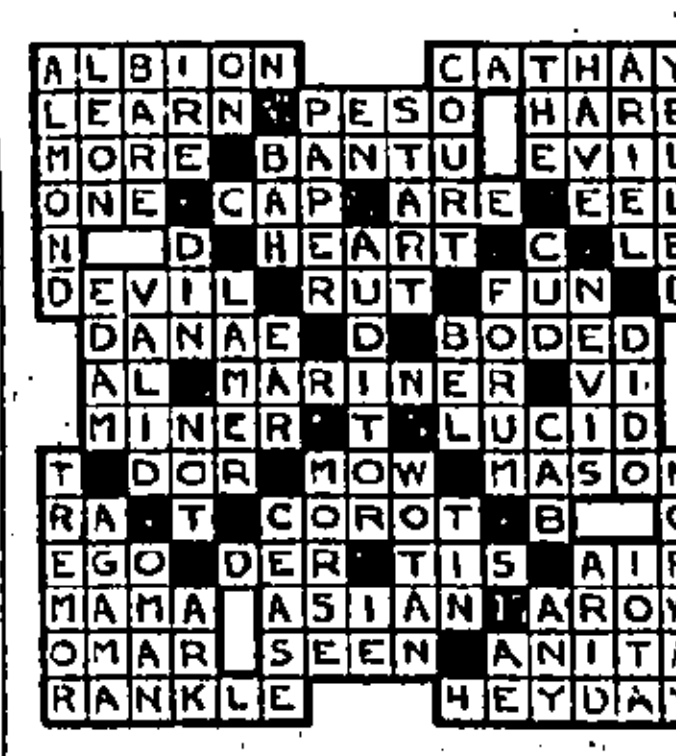
The biggest bank robbery in Germany, in February of last year, when by means of a tunnel a gang was able to penetrate the bank's premises, has been recalled by the extraordinary circumstances attending the arrest of the brothers Franz and Erich Saas, following another amazing tunnelling episode.

The caretaker of a school adjoining a disused cemetery in the Charlottenburg quarter of Berlin noticed a fresh heap of sand in a remote corner. It grew in size daily, and contained human bones and fragments of wreaths and coffins.

The weeks went by and the heap grew and staff of the school heard muffled hammering. Finally the police were notified. As the result of a careful search they discovered a perpendicular shaft, carefully and skilfully bored, leading to a subterranean chamber, 10 ft. 6 in. by 7 ft. high, concreted and boarded.

Several nights of vigil proved fruitless until two men were seen to climb the cemetery wall. A chase among the tombstones followed but the men escaped. An

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



hour later, detectives, who were posted at the home of the brothers, saw them return bareheaded, and they were arrested.

It is believed that the tunnelling was intended to serve as a hoarding place, but it is doubtful whether the brothers can be charged with any crime.

At the annual dinner of the Royal Warrant Holders' Association at the Connaught Rooms, a telegram was read from the King and Queen thanking the association for its loyal assurances, and expressing the wish that every success would attend it in the future.

Two miners, Stanley Fisher and Albert Edward Hughes, were killed by a fall of roof at the Cannock Chase colliery, Chasewater, Staffordshire.

RADIO TOPICS



The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:-

5-5.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records by courtesy of Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Company:-

"Die Fledermaus"—Overture (Johann Strauss).
Victor Symphony Orchestra.
"Minstrel Show of 1929".
Victor Minstrel, Male Voices with Orchestra

"Down by the Old Mill Stream" (Tell Taylor).
"Pale Moon (An Indian Love Song)" (Jesse G. M. Glick-Frederick Knight Logan).
National Cavaliers, Male Quartet with Piano, accompaniment by David Butolph.

"Moani Ke Ala".
By Sam Ku West Harmony Boys.

"Kwaiaho Waltz".
By Kane's Hawaiians.
5.30-6 p.m.—Aunt Letty, Aunt Madge and Uncle Jack will entertain the children.

6-7 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records by courtesy of Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Company:-

"Ballet Egyptian Suite" (Luigini), Concert Orchestra.
"Gems from Pianoforte" (Gilbert-Sullivan).
Victor Light Opera Company.

"Clayton's Grand March" (C. D. Blake).
"In Lilac Time"—March (E. Engelmann).
Victor Band.
"St. Louis Blues" (W. C. Handy).
"Gems from Blackbirds of 1928". (McHugh-Fields).

Warren Mills and His Blue Serenaders, Mixed Voices with Orchestra.
"Trovatore Selection" (Verdi).
Creators Band.

"Gems from 'Sunny'" (Harbach-Hammerstein-Kern).
"Gems from 'Cocoanuts'" (Irving Berlin).
Victor Light Opera Company.

"Tales from the Vienna Woods"—Waltz (Johann Strauss).
International Concert Orchestra, Nathaniel Shilkret, Director.

7-7.30 p.m.—Rev. H. R. Wells will give the 6th lesson in Cantonese.

7.30-8 p.m.—Experimental Programme.
8 p.m.—Chinese Programme relayed from Ko Shing Theatre until end of play.

L.F. & R.C. COUPLINGS

How to Alter Your Set

The popularity of resistance-capacity coupling is gradually superseding that of transformer coupling, and, for the benefit of those who wish to alter their sets, the following should be of interest.

To make the change-over the first thing to do is to undo the two wires which go to the primary side of the low-frequency transformer, taking care to mark them to show exactly to which part of the transformer it was connected. The same procedure should be followed with the secondary wires. The unit can then be removed and the R.C. unit screwed in its place. The latter will be found to have one terminal marked H.T. positive, and this should be connected to the wire which previously went to one of the primary terminals. It is also likely that it is connected to the other L.F. transformer primary terminal as well, but this does not matter so long as you are sure that it goes to the H.T. positive terminal. The next point to connect up is that marked "P." To this point you must affix the remaining wire which formerly went to the primary terminal of the transformer. In all probability the other end of this wire connects up to the H.F. choke, and the other side of this choke will be found to be connected to the plate of the valve, but here again it does not matter much exactly where it goes so long as you are sure it is the remaining primary terminal.

Having screwed these down tightly, turn your attention to the two wires which formerly went to the secondary of the transformer. If you follow these out you will find that one of them was connected to the grid of one of the valve holders. Take this wire and affix it to the "G" terminal on the R.C. unit. This leaves you with only one wire free, and an inspection of this will show that previously it was taken to a terminal which was connected to the grid-bias battery. Consequently, all you have to do is to connect this lead up to the G.B. terminal on the R.C. unit.

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GRID BIAS

Failure to Get Good Reproduction

It often happens that the grid bias battery, being small and so seldom adjusted, comes in for a great deal of neglect, and so gives rise to faults for which other components are very often blamed. As a matter of fact, grid bias is always important, and a great many failures to get good reproduction arise from carelessness with the grid bias battery and its leads.

One common fault is to expect this particular battery to last for ever. As a matter of fact, a grid bias battery is doing well if it lasts six months, and any battery which has lasted longer than this should be suspected until tests with a voltmeter prove it to be O.K. Another fault, which is perfectly obvious to old hands at the game, is bad contact at the plug and socket. Unless the grid bias plugs fit cleanly into their sockets, trouble is sure to develop, and this is particularly true if the leads to the plugs have been carelessly prepared and left with long whiskers of flex sticking out. All sorts of crackling noises originate in this way, and there is absolutely no need to have ill-fitting plugs when a few minutes' work with a file will make a perfectly satisfactory job of it. If the leads tend to wobble or to pull unduly upon the plugs, the old trick of slipping an elastic band around the battery and the leads to hold these in place firmly, should be tried.

Apart from the obvious faults, there are several less conspicuous but more important considerations to bear in mind. Do not forget, for instance, that if you are using a grid bias battery of 18 volts or more, such as is required for a super-power valve, you may, with careless handling, burn out one or more of the filaments.

ANODE-BEND RECTIFICATION

The chief advantage of anode-bend rectification over the usual condenser and grid leak is due to the fact that no grid current can flow if the valve is properly adjusted. This not only prevents distortion, but also avoids any damping of the tuned circuit preceding the rectifier, and so improves the selectivity of the set.

When grid current flows, the rectifier acts as a high-resistance shunt across the tuned plate circuit of the previous valve and any tuned circuit shunted with a resistance leak must fall off in selectivity. Anode-bend rectification gives the best results when followed by a resistance-capacity coupled with low-frequency amplifier.

CURING THE HUM

Some Causes of the Disturbance

Crystal receivers seldom give trouble from an interference point of view. Nevertheless, some crystal enthusiasts do suffer now and again from a most annoying hum in the 'phones of their instruments.

Such a type of disturbance is, of course, generally due to the proximity of a generating station, or to some portion of the electric lighting circuit of the house which may happen to be running closely parallel to a part of the aerial circuit of the set. Also, the trouble may be due to some peculiarity of the electric mains running outside the house, and perhaps in the neighbourhood of the earth plate of the receiver.

Naturally, the best method of eradicating such a trouble is to ferret out its cause in a logical manner, and, having found it, to remove it. In many cases, however, this line of procedure is, unfortunately, not practicable. However, quite an efficient little method of dealing with the crystal set hum trouble consists in placing a moistened finger tip on the earth terminal of the set. In the large majority of instances, this will result in the disappearance of the annoying hum, the latter disturbance, of course, instantly returning after the finger-tip has been removed from the terminal. In such cases, however, the elimination of the hum may be made more or less permanent by attaching a five or six feet length of bare wire to the earth terminal of the set, and by allowing it to hang loosely on the floor. Alternatively, the free end of the latter wire may be connected to a metal plate laid upon the floor, or again, the wire may be attached to some extensive metal object in the room, such as, for example, a kitchen range or fender.

This extra loose earth connection, acting as it does, owing to the setting up of a means of capacity leakage, has the effect of allowing the oscillations responsible for the troublesome hum to leak away to earth.

TO CURE BUZZING CHOKES

Iron cored components, such as low-frequency inter-valve transformers, or choking coils, are liable to buzz unless the iron or steel laminations fit accurately together and are well bolted into position. It is not unusual to come across an output choke, for example, which is so constructed that it is actually possible to hear the broadcast by placing the ear within a foot or so of it. Obviously such a component must introduce distortion, and it is, therefore, desirable to guard against looseness or poorly fitting parts by tightening all fixing bolts and, when necessary, jamming together loose laminations with pieces of cardboard or wood.

It is sometimes rather difficult to locate the particular lamination which is vibrating. A cure may, however, sometimes be effected by varnishing the core sheets in order that they shall tend to stick together, but on occasion it is found that an odd piece has been built into the core and is the cause of the trouble. This piece must be removed.

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Cheong Brothers, from Singapore.

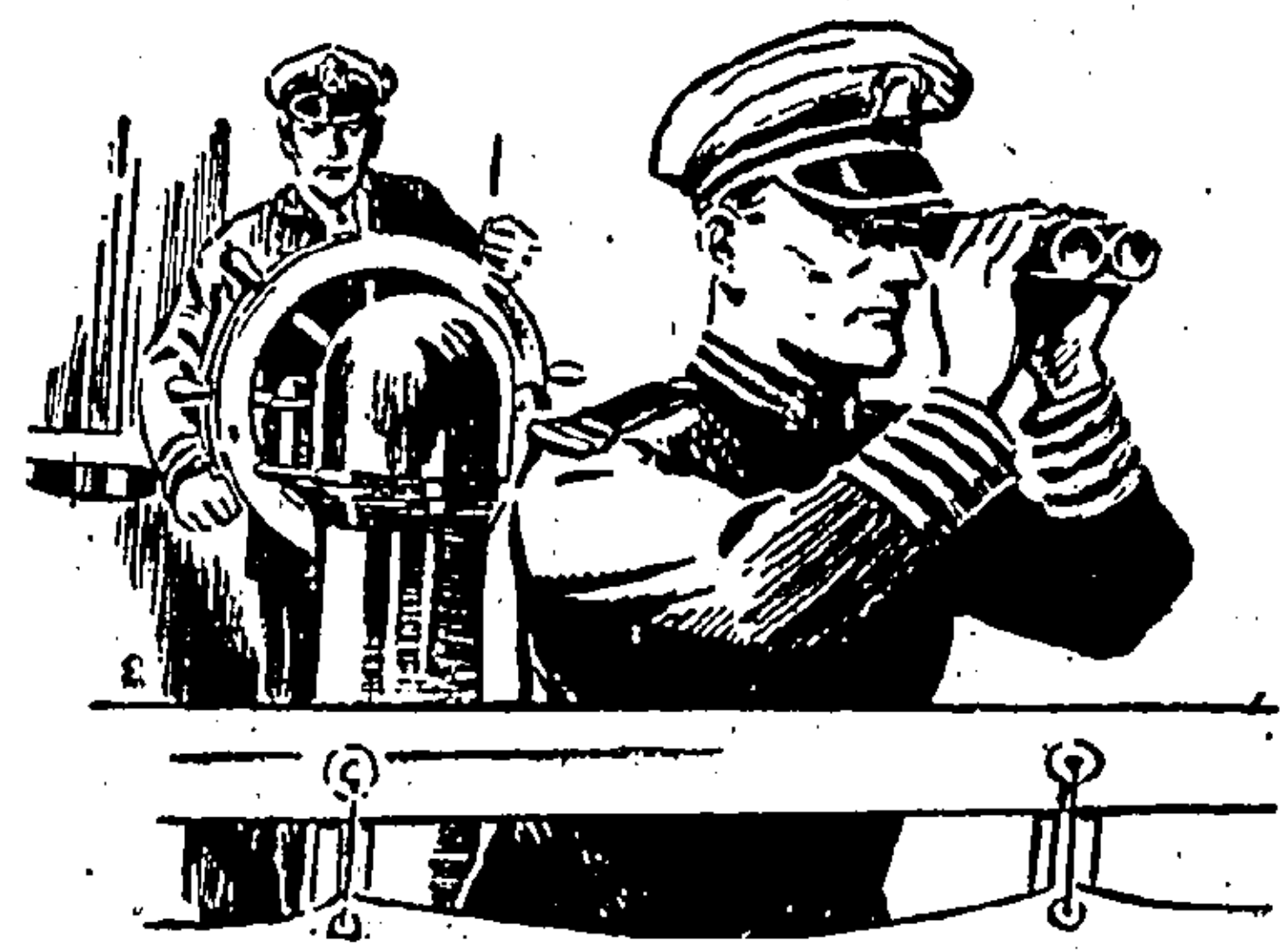
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MUNIFICENT GIFT TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY

\$10,000 DONATION

Our readers will recollect that one of the last acts of Sir Cecil Clementi before leaving the Colony was to preside at a meeting at the City Hall when a Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children was formed.

The most prominent members of the Chinese community, and particularly the members of the District Watchmen Committee, devoted their energies to the forming of the Society, and Sir Shou-sen Chow was appointed its first President.

The Society has now been the recipient of a gift of \$10,000 from Mr. Wai Shiu-pak, of the Yee Tin-tong, 182 Queen's Road Central, who has recently purchased a number of valuable properties in Hong Kong and who intends to establish his permanent residence in the Colony.

Mr. Wai, who is a native of the San Wui District, has lived for the past 25 years in Saigon, where he has large financial interests. He has always been keenly interested in the promotion of child welfare and has shown his interest in this by making substantial contributions to charities in Indo-China and in France.

Our Hong Kong Society has been fortunate in securing Mr. Wai's interest and support, and it is hoped that others will come forward to emulate the fine example of generosity and public spirit which he has shown.

A society which aims at improving conditions for the young can justly

GANDHI'S HOST GETS COLD FEET

LEADER REFUSES TO ALLOW HIS DISCIPLES TO "GO HOME"

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Anand, Bombay, Yesterday. One of Gandhi's volunteers has contracted small pox and Gandhi has directed him to stay here "and not to return to Ahmedabad, what ever happens." Another sought permission to go home to Baroda, and promised to be back in the evening. "How can we go home now?" demanded Gandhi, refusing the headman and seven village tax assessors who had resigned.—Reuter.

DROWNED IN A POOL

A Chinese named Chung Kiu (65), a vegetable gardener at the Wo Hop Shek village, New Territories, was accidentally drowned in a pool of water yesterday afternoon. He was standing on some rocks, fishing, when he slipped and fell into the water. The body was recovered by dragging operation undertaken by the Police who removed it to the Kowloon Magistracy.

claim the interest and support of all classes of the community, and we earnestly hope that the public will be so generous in its support that the Society's work will never be crippled by the lack of funds.

ALLEGED ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE

WHAT MEDICAL EXAMINATION REVEALED

CASE AT SESSIONS

The Police Judge's Court was thronged with boat people this morning when the case against U Sang, Li Sze and Ip Sui-wan was heard by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

The charge against all the three prisoners was one of the assault by two or more with the intent to rob; and another charge against the first prisoner was stealing a pair of rattan gold mounted bangles from a boat woman at Cheung Chau on December 17.

The boat woman who was alleged to have been assaulted died. The three men were originally charged with murder, but that charge had now been amended to one of assault and robbery.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. L. A. V. Ribeiro (foreman), A. Abbas, J. B. Tam, U. J. Kwai, J. P. Pereira, F. Linanan and J. B. Gutierrez.

Case For Prosecution. Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. The prisoners, who pleaded "Not Guilty," were not legally represented.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Holmes said that the three prisoners were employees of a fishing junk. On the night in question, they hired a sampan anchored at the Cheung Chau Government pier. The sampan was owned by a young woman.

The boat was taken out to the fairway, and evidence would be called to show that certain people in another junk heard a cry of "Save Life" at about 9 p.m. The voice was that of a woman. These witnesses would also say that they looked out of their junk and discerned two or three men in the boat from which the cry came. A witness would also say that on the boat in question he saw two men and one woman fighting or struggling. A third man sat on the fore part of the

Woman in Water

The woman then fell into the water. It could not be said whether she was pushed into the water or that she had just fallen in the struggle. The three men then jumped into the water. A junk sent out a dinghy to pick up the men. The occupants in the dinghy picked up the woman first. She was unconscious and the witnesses would not be able to say whether she was dead or alive, but the fact remained that the unfortunate young woman never regained consciousness. The second prisoner was also picked up, and, after tying him up, they handed him over to the Police. A pair of rattan gold mounted bangles, which the woman was known to be in the habit of wearing, were never recovered. The two other prisoners were later arrested on the boat where they were employed.

Thumb and Knuckles. Dr. J. E. Dovey, who held a post mortem examination of the woman, said that he found a bruise on the left side of the woman's neck. That bruise, in his opinion, was caused by the pressing of a thumb and knuckles, and might have contributed to the cause of death.

His Lordship: Are you satisfied that the woman had been assaulted before her death?—I am definitely satisfied. And that such an assault could have been made by one man alone?—Yes.

And that if the violence had continued it might have caused death?—Yes.

And that in your opinion the violence was a long one?—About 15 seconds.

And you are unable to say as to whether she was conscious or not at the time?—No.

Assuming that she was standing up at the time of the assault, would she have remained standing after the compression on her throat had been released?—No, she would assuredly have fallen.

She was still alive when she fell into the water?—Yes.

Why do you say that?—Because there was water in her lung and not in her stomach.

Can you give any indication as to how long she had been in the water before death occurred?—Death must have occurred as soon as she fell into the water.

Is it likely that she called out after the assault?—I doubt it.

So the assault had directly led her to her death?—I think so.

Reason for Questions. At this juncture his Lordship informed the jury that he was asking the question for his own satisfaction and had nothing to do with the charge on which the prisoners were arraigned. They were not charged with murder and the jury would have to decide from their minds what Dr. Dovey had said.

Further witnesses were called, and the case is proceeding.

It is quite likely that the case will be finished this afternoon.

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